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Our 112th Year

'Zero tolerance' for drugs, alcohol Special police unit cracks down on kids

By Neil Fater

Finding a place to party is getting a lot tougher for Andover youth who want to drink alcohol or smoke weed.

Since a special zero-tolerance police unit began cracking down on drug and alcohol use about three weeks ago, police have arrested more than three dozen people on alcohol or drug charges.

On New Year's Day, 21 out-of-town residents were arrested at the Tage Inn after police broke up a party with underage drinking. Prior to New Year's, 19 other people, including several small groups of Andover youth had been arrested and charged with illegal alcohol or drug possession.

"If you're caught with this stuff, you're going to pay the price. That means going to court, getting a record," says Andover Detective Jim Haggerty. "That's the biggest thing. There's been rumors that cops give breaks or only the boys get arrested. If you're caught smoking a

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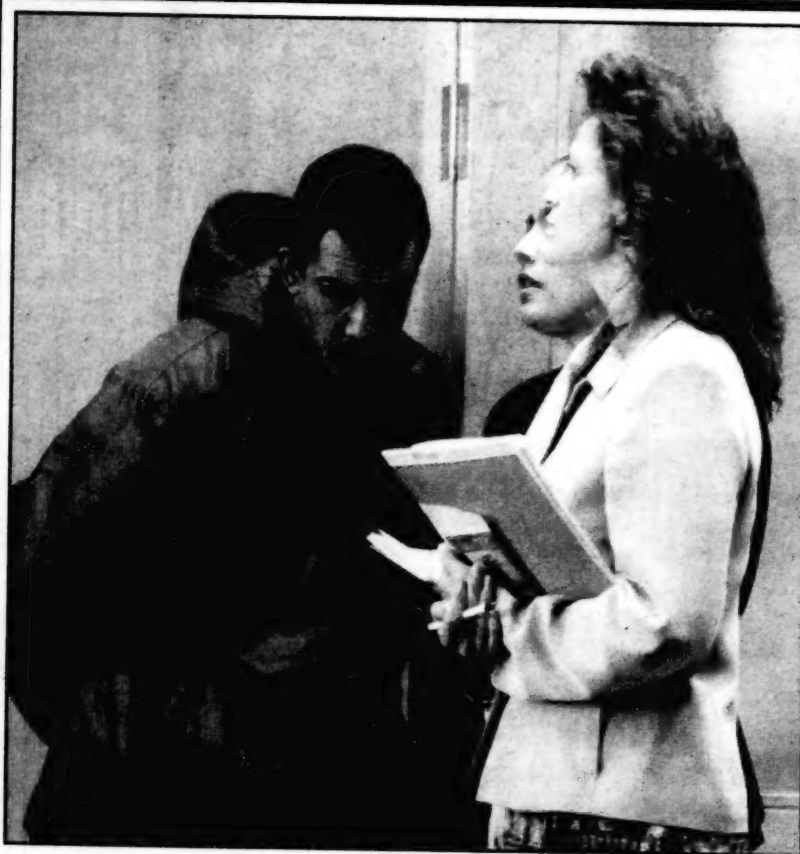


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Arraigned — In Lawrence District Court last Friday, Ruben Alberto Arias, 34, of Jamaica Plain (left), faced charges of assault with intent to murder and kidnapping, before Judge Alan Jarasitis. His court-appointed attorney, Carol Lynn Cahill, is at right. His translator (in middle, partially hidden) was Iraida Sosa.

Hostage suspect captured

By Rebecca Lipchitz and Neil Fater

Ruben Alberto Arias, 35, of Jamaica Plain surrendered his gun to police just before 11 a.m. Friday, freeing two women taken from their Fall River apartment and ending a New Year's Eve day hostage standoff that lasted more than seven hours on Route 125 in Andover.

Arias pleaded not guilty Friday afternoon to charges including assault with intent to murder and kidnapping. He will be held without bail until a Jan. 19 pretrial hearing.

Arias allegedly entered his ex-wife's Fall River apartment late Thursday night, and shot and wounded his ex-wife's boyfriend before kidnapping her and her sister.

After the shooting, Arias led police on a chase from Fall River to Andover that began early Friday morning and ended near the Getty gas station at the intersection of Route

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ANDOVER ENTERS THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

How low can you go? — At the Andover 2000 Millennium celebration last Friday night, Shayna Orent, of Andover, does the limbo. Other photos, pages 8, 17 and 31.

Photo by Carol Van Doren



Andover was A-OK on Y2K

Y2K came and left Andover this weekend leaving only the question, "Y the big fuss?"

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says the Andover government experienced no ill effects from the dreaded Y2K computer bug.

"We're here. We survived. Y2K came and went," he says. "It wasn't easy. We spent considerable money upgrading systems over the last few years."

But, as was the case in nearly every town and country, few problems arrived along with the new millennium.

"It worked. We didn't have any problems," says Stapczynski, of his Y2K team's efforts. "It was going to be that one embedded chip that was going to embarrass us. We haven't found it yet."

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TownTalk



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He wants to be a millionaire — Dr. Manuel Tsing Lowenhaupt, shown with his favorite mode of transportation, says if he were a character on *Gilligan's Island*, he'd be the Professor. But he'll be content to be the winner of a televised survival contest on the Palau Tiga island, and return with a cool \$1 million.

He hopes to be a Survivor

If you were stranded on a remote island, who would you want to have with you? Perhaps a doctor trained in infectious diseases. Perhaps someone who could build anything out of bamboo would be helpful. Perhaps someone who has traveled the world and knows what kinds of bugs are safe to eat and how to make fire without matches would be useful.

What if all these qualities belonged to one person? Dr. Manuel Tsing Lowenhaupt is counting on that unique combination of talents to win him a spot on WBZ's *Survivor* television show.

Lowenhaupt, 44, who moved to Andover two years ago with his wife, Patti, and daughter, Aria, is one of 50 finalists from New England to be chosen to audition for the show, which is described as a cross between *Lord of the Flies* and *Gilligan's Island*.

Of the 6,000 applicants, 16 will

be sent to Palau Tiga island off the Coast of Borneo in the South China Sea in March.

Lowenhaupt is scheduled for the semi-finalist round of interviews Jan. 14 and 15 in Danvers. Of the 800 semi-finalist interviews taking place around the country, 50 candidates will be flown to Los Angeles, where 16 will be chosen for the show and sent to the island in less than two months.

The 16 participants will be left on their own to find food and shelter. They will be filmed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The footage will be compiled into 13 one-hour episodes. Each episode will conclude with a vote of participants to exclude one member. When only two of the participants are left, one will be chosen by a committee of the most recently expelled members. The winner will take home \$1 million.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Preservation forum is Friday

Robert Durand, state secretary of Environmental Affairs, will host a forum tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 7, at Andover's Old Town Hall, to discuss how to preserve the uniqueness of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury.

The forum is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and is cosponsored by a number of area state legislators, including state Sen. Sue Tucker and state Rep. Barry Finegold of Andover, and Rep. David Nangle of Lowell.

Among the guests will be Jane Wallis Gumble, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and Carolyn Boviard, director of the Department of Economic Development.

The presentations will include "build-out analyses" with maps that show each community at maximum development under current zoning.

The discussion will include questions about infrastructure, water supply, sewers, schools, recreational land and other services as they relate to development growth.

Nomination papers are available

Nomination paper for the annual town election to be held Tuesday, March 28, are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The offices on the ballot this year

are:

- Moderator, one for one year;
- School Committee, two for three years;
- Selectman, two for three years;
- Housing authority, one for five years;
- Greater Lawrence Technical School representative, one for three years; and
- Punchard Free School, five for three years.

The last day to return nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office for certification is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

For more information, call the Town Clerk's office at 623-8200.

Tucker sets office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, will hold monthly office hours Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial

Hall Library. All town residents are invited to stop by.

Residents may also call Tucker at her Statehouse office at (617) 722-1612.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was, **Do you agree with selectmen that the town should pay for its new public safety center and new schools with "debt-exemption" overrides of Prop 2½, or by overriding limits on the operating budget?**

With 17 online readers responding, 10, or 59 percent, opposed the debt-exemption override, and seven were in favor.

This week's question is: **Do you agree with the Board of Selectmen's decision this week to extend, and possibly expand, the downtown sticker parking program?**

Surf to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, January 6

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, activity room, lower level, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Bancroft School Improvement Council, Andover Inn, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 8

Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 10

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11

School Committee, conference room A, School Administration Building, budget workshop, 7 p.m.

Preservation Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical School, building expansion subcommittee, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12

Senior Center Building Committee, Senior Center, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

They gave him a list — a list of his options I guess. He smoked a cigarette and then gave up."

Huron Escibano, of the Getty gas station on Route 125, where Ruben Alberto Arias was trapped by police for about seven hours before he finally surrendered.

I also drive on Route 93 occasionally."

Dr. Manuel Tsing Lowenhaupt, a candidate for the television show Survivor, describing some of his dangerous exploits, including ice climbing.

You have to give the staff some credit for creativity. They are putting little dog houses and additions onto the facilities."

Architect Herbert Zeller, commenting on the need for a new, expanded town yard.

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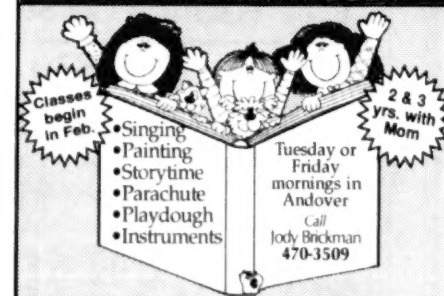
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Lowenhaupt believes he can do more than survive.

"I'm planning on winning," he says.

He's hoping his expertise in "influence without authority" communication techniques will help in the arena of island politics. They are the same skills that spared his life from a mugger in Amsterdam. By the time Lowenhaupt was done talking with him, the would-be mugger didn't even take money, the doctor says.

He has led expeditions that escaped from ice storms.

"I also drive on Route 93 occasionally," he says of his dangerous pursuits.

His wife agrees that survival won't be a problem for Lowenhaupt.

"Everything about (the show) has him written all over it. There is no doubt in my mind he would survive," she says.

His wife not only supports the endeavor, but suggested he apply. His parents, he says, find it amusing, while his older sister, an anthropologist who once lived in a mud hut in Borneo for two years, thinks he's going on a luxury vacation, Lowenhaupt says.

A medical history

Lowenhaupt grew up mostly in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from MIT and went on to

study medicine at Harvard Medical School.

He has worked as a consultant for the U.S. Army medical command in developing "telemedicine," a system in which doctors can advise people remotely how to perform emergency medical procedures.

While stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, he fell in love at first sight with a Hummer. He now owns one for off-road driving and every-day transportation.

After practicing medicine for 10 years, he took his current position with Deloitte Consulting of Boston, where he advises health-care companies, hospitals and foreign ministries of health about how to run their systems.

It can be stressful trying to make a hospital improve its performance by \$250 million, he says, so surviving on a deserted island should be a bit of a vacation.

But he isn't expecting too much fun. His only personal concern is trying to take two months off work. He is also concerned that people on the island could get hurt.

"I'm expecting sunburn and diarrhea for most of this party," he says. "And there's the insect issue," he says.

Lowenhaupt says he has only eaten insects by accident, but knows when not to sleep on the floor.

He'll eat anything

In addition to his medical training and adventurous spirit, his qualifications for this challenge include a rather indiscriminate palate.

"I'll eat anything," he says, a practice which has put his life in danger but one that he continues to observe.

He once ate food from a street vendor in China and simultaneously contracted Salmonella and Shigella.

He was then placed in a Chinese hospital on a ward with students who were infected with Hepatitis.

He emerged unscathed and lived to tell about the times he has eaten jellyfish, sea cucumber and reindeer without incident.

Master builder

While his wife says he scared his sixth-grade science teacher by building a television set out of random appliance parts, he also notes a history of hyperactivity.

"I have a terrible habit of climbing everything," he says. One of his current hobbies is solo ice climbing, which does not involve the use of ropes.

"It's something normal people don't think is smart," Lowenhaupt says.

While Lowenhaupt has been a woodworker for many years and has built several sturdy and attractive pieces of furniture for himself and his family, he says he is counting on a decent crop of bamboo to be growing on the island.

"Bamboo is the key to my construction happiness," Lowenhaupt says.

When the *Survivor* application asked "If you were a character on *Gilligan's Island*, who would you be?" Lowenhaupt says he answered "the Professor," of course.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Playing the census numbers game

Andover wants to make sure its residents accurately and timely return their Year 2000 federal census forms.

The U.S. census is only done every 10 years, and these forms are used to

determine the level of representation and funds Andover and the Merrimack Valley receive from other governmental units during the next decade, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

She said census forms were to be mailed to residents this week, to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Special census boxes will be available throughout the town and are listed on the census form.

Because the census is conducted only once every 10 years, Selectman Brian Major asked if expected children should be included in the survey.

Hanson said no, only those people actually born should be included.

Hearing this, selectman Mary French turned to Major and offered the following advice, "So hurry."

Millennium milestone

Whether or not Major hurries along a new child, members of his wife Margaret's family were in a hurry for the new millennium to arrive.

That's because Margaret's grandmother, Consuelo Broussard Rees, was born on Nov. 26, 1899.

With the arrival of midnight Jan. 1, Rees joined the rare group of people who have been alive for part of the 1800s, 1900s and 2000s.

Andover relatives include her daughter, Anne Rees Gemmell of Salem Street; granddaughter and her family, Margaret, Brian and Rachel Major of Odyssey Way; Stephen, Dee, Meghan and Daniel Gemmell of Osgood Street and John Gemmell of Salem Street.

Consuelo Broussard Rees's husband, Grover Joseph Rees, lived to be 102 and passed away a few years ago, says Major.

— Neil Fater

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Power plant politics now heading to court

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Local activists fighting the construction of a gas-fired power plant in Dracut say they have no choice now but to take legal action against the developers.

Dracut residents have filed an appeal in Middlesex Superior Court of the Dracut selectmen's unanimous approval of the proposed Nickel Hill Energy project, slated for the Brox property, across the river from Andover.

While only Dracut residents have standing to appeal that decision, Laura Jordan, of the Andover-based Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, says activists have exhausted every other channel of contribution.

"We're sadly coming to the conclusion that the only thing the company and state will respond to is legal action. And if this is the only way to get our health and safety concerns addressed, then this is the avenue we'll take," she says.

While MVRE is rallying its legal

efforts, the Nickel Hill Energy project announced the purchase of so-called "emissions offset credits" from the Ogden Martin plant in Haverhill.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency requires any new power plants to reduce the overall amount of pollution by paying another plant to reduce its emissions.

As part of the proposed power plant's air quality permit, it is required to buy emission credits for Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) from existing sources that equal 1.26 pound for every pound of potential emissions.

This requirement forces the developer to buy 26 percent more emissions than the plant would create. The additional 26 percent will not be created by the new plant, but is meant to contribute to the reduction of emissions in the area.

Nickel Hill's special permit approved by Dracut selectmen requires the company to make its best effort to buy emissions credits within the Mer-

rimack Valley to help reduce the amount of local pollution.

Nickel Hill purchased 158 tons of its emissions credits from the Ogden Martin incinerator in Haverhill which is now closed. Nickel Hill has 39 tons of emissions left to purchase.

According to Nickel Hill project developer Tom Favinger, the Haverhill incinerator closed down as part of a deal with the Environmental Protection Agency, which allows a plant to sell its emissions credits in exchange for closure.

While the plant is no longer creating emissions, its credit for emissions with the EPA would be made available to someone, Favinger says.

"We knew if we didn't get them, someone else would," he says.

Kevin O'Reilly, spokesman for Nickel Hill, says one reason the company bought credits from Ogden Martin was that it represented a large part of the emission credits available in the area.

"The advantage was that it was a major source identified," O'Reilly says.

Raytheon lands \$79-million Navy contract

U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, along with Congressman Martin Meehan, announced Tuesday that the U.S. Navy chose Raytheon Systems for a \$79-million contract to assemble components for the AEGIS Weapon System, a radar and missile guidance system. The work under the contract will be performed at Raytheon's Andover and Sudbury facilities, and is expected to run through February, 2003.

All three politicians praised the contract award. "Once again, the working men and women of Raytheon will provide our armed services with cutting-edge technology," Meehan said.

Both Kennedy and Kerry stressed the economic benefits brought to the region by the contract.

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Police defend DARE program

Whenever there are whispers of increased drug and alcohol use by Andover youth, some residents question why the town spends money on the DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program, which is meant to teach kids to stay away from illegal drugs.

But Andover police stand by the program that brings police into classrooms, believing it has several advantages.

"I think the DARE program's intent is to educate kids to the dangers of drinking and using tobacco products and drugs," says Chief Brian Pattullo. "DARE obviously has come under a lot of fire recently, not just locally but nationally. Is it working?"

"My feeling is, if it helps one kid or 10 kids, then it's a positive program," he says.

At the school department's request, Andover's four-year-old DARE program targets the sixth grade, meaning that those students first exposed to the program are only high-school freshman this year. Pattullo notes that this makes it difficult to judge how well the program is working.

"There's no way DARE is going to be the end-all for drug problems," says Cee Cee Blais, DARE officer. "If it's not combined with a lot of other things like guidance from home and guidance from other adults (it won't



Blais — building rapport.

work). I don't think you can isolate it by itself and determine what kind of effect it is having."

But Blais says she not only talks about the dangers of drugs, she also discusses peer pressure, self esteem and the importance of being assertive with youth.

"The other thing DARE does is it builds rapport between the police and the kids. It helps the kids see the officers on the personal level," says Pattullo.

Detective Jim Haggerty, one of two officers assigned to a special zero-tolerance unit geared to stopping drug sale and use in town, says police have seen more positive interaction with Andover kids in recent years. Though he didn't specifically mention the DARE program, he believes the reason may be because youth have more interaction with police now.

"We're starting to get more cooperation from the kids who care about the Andover schools, who take pride in going there. You saw (that same attitude) with the swastika incident," says Haggerty. "Having that is a big help and we're seeing that more than ever before."

"Kids don't want to rat on other kids. But they don't want to go to a school that's infested with drugs," he says.

— Neil Fater

Crackdown ...

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joint, you're going to pay the price, so hopefully you'll think twice."

Det. Haggerty and Officer Michael Lane are the two officers assigned to the special unit currently checking known youth gathering spots for illegal drug and alcohol use.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo says he enacted the zero tolerance policy after receiving calls and letters from people complaining that drug and alcohol use had increased among Andover youth. Every member of the department has seen a memo from Pattullo calling for zero tolerance of illegal drug and alcohol use.

"We're going to be around, and I just hope the kids make the right decisions so they don't have to come in contact with me for the wrong reasons," says Haggerty. "Whatever discretion I used to have is gone now. If they're caught, they're going to be arrested."

"I won't say that we took away officer discretion, but we are focusing more on the small incidents that may lead to larger incidents," says Pattullo.

Police indicate the zero-tolerance memo issued by Pattullo has created a different attitude than existed in previous years.

"I think before, breaks may have been given out a bit, because I'm the first one to say, 'I don't want to give a 14, 15, 16-year-old kid a record,'" says Haggerty. "But, apparently, the message wasn't

getting through to the kids."

The problem

While Haggerty is one of the main officers delivering the zero-policy punch, he questions those who say drug and alcohol use is greater than it has been in the past.

"If you have 1,400 kids up at a school, absolutely there's going to be drugs. But are they the magnitude that some people are saying? I won't believe it until I see it," says Haggerty. "But there are

drugs in Andover, absolutely. There is heroin and Ecstasy. Whether drug use is of the magnitude some people are saying remains to be seen."

Youth services director Bill Fahey says he's heard some talk that drug or alcohol use at Andover High may be "up," but says that type of thing is difficult to measure.

When the issue came up at a recent youth council meeting, Fahey says a youth member simply suggested creating more programs or a place for youth to gather.



Pattullo — Don't get caught.

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Selectmen take sticker stock

By Neil Fater

Selectmen have unanimously elected to extend the downtown sticker parking program until 2002. Now the only question is, how many new workers will be allowed to join.

The goal of the "temporary" sticker parking program, started in 1992, is to provide more spaces for shoppers near businesses by guaranteeing spaces elsewhere to employees.

The sticker program currently allows 51 employees to park in designated spaces in the Park Street and Olde Andover Village parking lots. But, with 36 people on the waiting list, selectmen say it's time to consider providing more spaces for the program.

"Mostly, the same people have had spaces

for a long time. They're very coveted," says Treasurer David Reilly. "There's a long waiting list. There's not much turnover."

Selectman Lori Becker, a downtown business owner, wants the program expanded because, "It will free up some spaces (on downtown streets). Most of these folks are parking wherever they can."

Besides adding new spaces, the only other change to the program will be to allow both sticker owners and regular parkers to use the designated spaces on Saturdays.

During the past two years, the parking sticker program only ran Monday through Friday.

Stickers cost \$25 per month, and Reilly says only one or two people drop out of the program per year.

and had designated Doherty Middle School as a shelter.

"We were in good shape, but thank God we didn't have to pull those plans together," says Stapczynski.

Not everybody was pleased with the smooth transition and lack of glitches in the rollover to 2000.

"I was planning to head down to my local ATM," said one local, who demanded not to be identified, "and see if my library card would work."

— Neil Fater

Y2K ...

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Stapczynski says the town was "prepared for the worst Friday," in case anything did go wrong.

Workers shut down Andover's computer systems Friday, and were back in Sunday, Jan. 2, to boot the systems back up and check for glitches.

Had there been a problem, the town had generators prepared to run some buildings

Attention, combat veterans

Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Navy to retroactively award the Combat Action Ribbon to those Marines and sailors who saw ground and/or surface combat dating from Dec. 6, 1941. The CAR is the Marine/Navy version of the Army's Combat Infantry Badge.

In the past, there have been inequities in the awarding of the CAR. The current legislation is designed to open up the award to those who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It is up to the veteran to produce evidence that he/she is eligible, and your veterans director can assist in doing so.

The Coast Guard has not yet determined its own eligibility

rules, but will accept applications pending final decision. All Coast Guard veterans who believe they qualify are urged to apply.

For more information and an application, call the Andover Veterans Services Office at 623-8218.

U.S. Air Force Lt. General Leslie Kenne has recently assumed command of the Air Force Electronic Systems Command headquartered at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford. Kenne is the highest ranking woman in the Air Force and the first woman to reach three-star rank in that branch of service. Lt. General is the second highest rank in the U.S. military and is currently held by three other women.

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Youth can't pass the buck

The adolescent population of Andover and their parents probably didn't need this week's front-page story to tell them that teens have been arrested in increasing numbers in recent weeks.

Such "crackdowns" tend to produce predictable debate about how those who are nearly adults should be treated.

The police correctly argue that to tolerate illegal behavior, like drinking and drug use, only encourages more of it.

There is always a segment of the population for whom exhortations and posters like "This is your brain on drugs" simply don't work. For them, why shouldn't the police take more punitive measures?

But then, teens and their advocates are correct when they observe that some of those making the arrests probably did a few wild things when they were teens as well.

Indeed, good law enforcement should be careful with "zero-tolerance," since such policies tend to eliminate both judgment and discretion. Besides enforcing the law, police should try to build relationships, and help young people decide on their own to make healthy decisions.

Just as predictably, however, when this issue arises, come complaints about the lack of a youth center in Andover. Invariably, those like a young letter writer this week, blame adolescent misbehavior on that lack. The kids have nowhere to go, they say, and are therefore "forced" to commit illegal acts.

Right on the first count, dead wrong on the second.

Of course Andover should have a youth center. The young people deserve it, and the town can afford it.

However, it is sheer fantasy to pretend that a youth center is some kind of magic pill that will eliminate illicit drug and alcohol use by local teens. And it is ridiculous to try to pass the blame for that behavior off on the town for not building a center. Kids who want to do that don't really want a youth center anyway.

Nobody forces kids to do those things. Any teen who makes even a minimal effort can find lots of constructive things to do and lots of places to go. Being idle enough to want to simply "hang out" is a choice. Spending that idle time on drinking and drugs is another choice, just as surely as deciding to burn a swastika into the grass of a playing field was a choice.

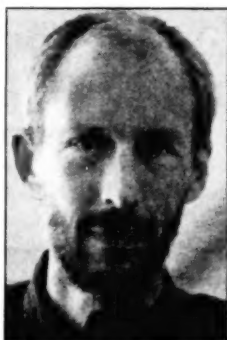
Teens, like anyone else, understandably want respect. But they have to earn it, just like anyone else. And passing the buck won't do it.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Party hearty — From left, Meghan Buggy, 3½, LCaroline Kiezulas, 4, and Kelly Walsh, 3, dance New Year's Eve away at a First Night pajama party led by Judy Pancoast. More photos of Andover's Millennium celebration on pages 1 and 17.

Through the Y2K looking glass, darkly



Taylor Armerding

It's that time of year again. The moment you've been waiting for — even if you didn't know it was the moment you'd been waiting for.

It's a new beginning. The infant days of a new year, of a new century, of a new millennium (yeah, yeah you math geeks, I know it's not really the new millennium yet. Just play along with the rest of us, OK?).

And that, of course, means it is time for Your Correspondent, your Humble Scribe, your Ink-Stained Wretch and This Writer to peer into Andover's crystal ball, to be proactive rather than reactive. Indeed, we here at the *Townsman* are tired of telling you what's already happened, when it's so much more interesting to tell you what's coming up, even if we have to make it up. It's so much easier to meet deadline that way, and besides, we live in a time when we're all encouraged to create our own reality, to define the world that

works for us.

So here we go. The crystal ball is clearing, and the events of 2000 are now before us. Hang on:

January: The Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association moves to create a new Historic District in the downtown, figuring that will give them the kind of control they need over sidewalks, signs, lights, crosswalks, trash barrels, "traffic-calming" techniques, building height, bike paths and the retail mix, not to mention those infernal commercial events like Biza... uh, Bazaar Days.

But the plan runs into a few snags, when residents of Chestnut and Bartlet streets say they don't want to be part of it. The "Say No to History" movement snowballs, gathering enough merchants to eliminate all of Main Street as well.

Eventually, the only thing left of the district is the southern side of Chestnut, from Main to Bartlet, including the Fleet Bank, the CVS and the *Townsman* building.

"None of us are really historic," says *Townsman* editor Taylor Armerding. "But we want to be."

February: The police department, thrilled with how effective Blaze the dog has been in sniffing out drugs on school property, expands the animal patrol contingent with Flame the cat.

"Blaze is great," says officer Edward Higgenbottom, "and we don't want him to feel that he's being replaced. But, frankly, he's just too big for some of the jobs we need to do. Everything is headed toward miniaturization, and we need to keep up with that trend."

While Flame can't rip off suspects' forearms, she reportedly can scratch their eyes out.

March: The Chamber of Commerce announces that it plans to build a youth center, on one of the few vacant parcels of land left in the Routes 495 and 93 area.

"We're tired of all this emphasis on sports and recreation," says Chamber President Steve Stapinski. "We want our kids to be prepared for the real world. And we want them to be able to afford a home in Andover. So this will be a center dedicated to networking with the corporate world after school."

"What's more important? To be able to do some kind of stupid trick on a half-pipe or make your first million before you're 21?"

April: Angry parents descend on Annual Town Meeting complaining that if the town is going to build a new middle school and elementary school at Cross Street and High Plain Road, that will obviously mean only some Andover children

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Letters

Educate, don't humiliate perpetrators

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I write this letter to supplement the position taken by Rabbi Goldstein ("Atone-ment, not vengeance," *Townsmen*, Dec. 23).

I am troubled by the community attitudes that seek untoward and unfair punishment for the perpetrators of the swastika burning on the high school property. The act is offensive and detestable. The swastika was and remains a symbol of oppression not only to Jews but to gypsies, homosexuals, Communists, the mentally retarded, Catholics and other groups that were seen by the Nazi party to be appropriate victims of persecution.

To arrive at a just conclusion as to the appropriate punishment, however, we should analyze the acts of the perpetrators to determine whether their actions are a result of hatred or of stupidity.

From all public information, I conclude that the perpetrators acted out of stupidity. No one has come forward to claim himself or herself as the victim of anti-semitic remarks or acts by any perpetrator. No conduct on the playing fields or in the classrooms by the perpetrators reveal any hostility toward teammates, opposing players, or fellow classmates on grounds of race, religion or ethnicity.

In short, the perpetrators' acts appear as an isolated aberration. This is not a crime of race or religious hatred.

Several persons claim that the perpetrators could not possibly have been ignorant of the symbol of the swastika. Let us assume that they are correct. If so, the transgressors who utilized such an oppressive symbol must be **reeducated**. Others claim that the perpetrators are ignorant of the true meaning of the symbol. If so, the transgressors must be **educated**. Either way, education and/or reeducation is the key to tolerance.

How should the perpetrators of this offense therefore be appropriately punished? As a Jew, a concerned citizen of Andover, a believer in strong education, a six-year member of Andover High School's Parent Advisory Council (and its former president), a part-time teacher of law for more than 20 years, an annual lecturer on constitutional rights at Andover High School and a long-time criminal defense attorney, I feel qualified to make this suggestion as to a punishment reflecting the conscience of the community.

My proposal in this instance is as follows: Each perpetrator should be sentenced to 200 hours of community service. A portion of that community service should be performed on at least two Saturdays and two Sundays of every month. In the event that these perpetrators are required to perform athletic events, they will have to fine-tune their schedule so as to make certain that they fulfill their community service obligation.

This obligation should be performed at a rest or nursing home or elderly-care community, preferably either in Andover, North Andover or some nearby vicinity. (I believe the Lawrence District Court's Probation Department could enlist the help of such an organization.)

The obligations should include, the sweeping and washing of floors at these

premises, the cleaning of the toilets, assisting the infirm and unable to walk, wheeling those who need a wheelchair to their destination, feeding those unable to feed themselves, reading to those unable to see well enough to read, and speaking with them. Interaction with the infirm will encompass Jew, Catholic, Protestant, Asian, black, and other groups. Interaction between old and young often helps to educate the young as to matters beyond their ken.

In short, community service of this kind will expose these perpetrators to a diverse group of people and widen their levels of toleration and tolerance. At the end of 100 hours, these young men should be forced to write a letter to the court indicating what they have learned through one-half of their obligatory experiences. In addition, these men should be required to attend the Holocaust memorial in downtown Boston, and to spend at least one day walking through the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., to absorb the lessons of history. Of course, Rabbi Goldstein's suggestion that the wrongdoers meet and speak with Holocaust survivors I wholly endorse.

My suggested sentence involves mercy and forgiveness, because it eschews the more punitive, incarcerative dispositions and instead seeks to better the young men and cause them to attain a form of rehabilitation.

The lighted candles at Old Town Hall symbolize brightness and knowledge to drive away the darkness of ignorance. The obligation of a society when confronted with such an act as the swastika burning is to banish ignorance and instill knowledge, in the hopes that those who are presently ignorant will turn to that knowledge to learn.

Society can do more to meet this ignorance. Parents at home should constantly discuss racial, religious and cultural issues that appear in the newspapers and on television. In addition, they should encourage their young adults to read books that explore the difficulties that various persons have encountered because of discriminatory practices. These could include American history books, as well as great works of literature such as *Native Son* by Richard Wright, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Gentlemen's Agreement* by Laura Hobson, *The Garden of The Finzi Continis* by Giorgio Bassani, Victor Klemperer's diaries, Elie Weisel's *Night*, *A Chain of Voices* by Andre Brink. Movies that explore these themes could also be shown at home with parents in attendance: *Schindler's List*, *Judgment at Nuremberg* and *To Kill A Mockingbird* are but three that could help young adults learn the need for tolerance. Various web sites on the Internet provide unlimited access to anti-discrimination data. See for example:

- <http://www.adl.org>;
- <http://remember.org> (A Cybrary of the Holocaust);
- <http://falcon.imu.edu/ramseyil/holo.htm> (Internet School Library Media Center/Holocaust Resources for K-12);
- Simon Wiesenthal Center — Children of the Holocaust <http://www.Wiesenthal.com>; and

• <http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/Holocaust/sitemap.htm> (A Teacher's Guide to the Holocaust).

I now turn to the hasty, ill-advised decision of school administrators to exclude these young men from the athletic fields. Let us not forget that Hitler, falsely believing the superiority of the German athlete, permitted Jesse Owens to attend the Olympics in his belief that the black was considered inferior. His beliefs were decimated by the magnificent demonstration of Mr. Owens. To remove these athletes from their playing fields is to destroy perhaps the one avenue of self-esteem that they possess.

History teaches us what happens when you denigrate or destroy the self-esteem of a human being. He becomes embittered and very often racist. In short, the punishment that the school has meted out to the young men ironically sets them up to become anti-semitic later in life, casting blame for the position in which they find themselves, **rightly or wrongly**, upon Jews who will now become the object of their hatred. All of that can be obviated by my suggested punishment, coupled with the school's more conventional discipline.

The school's attitude towards the students should emulate and embody tolerance and toleration. The educational system is not without blame. If it were more instructive to the students in how to apply the lessons of history to the present, the students might have learned why the swastika is such an evil symbol and understood that it should never be a symbol of choice to burn on a lawn. As George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." How much more certain is the repetition of the past when those who perform it have never even learned of the past.

Each student, I am informed, has never had an opportunity to explain his action and his intent to school administrators. Minimal due process requires that a person receives notice (of hearing) and an opportunity to be heard. I have heard of no such occurrence. Accordingly, I suggest that the school to reexamine its punishment and its motives for imposing such cruelty, perhaps preventing these athletes from attaining further education at a college, the place most likely for them to learn the conditions of tolerance. If a school does not demonstrate mercy and forgiveness, where are students to learn it?

My recommended sentence promotes toleration, but nevertheless allows the students to retain dignity. It imposes constructive punishment. It hearkens to the forgiveness set forth in the Old Testament when the Lord spared the citizens of the city of Nineveh because they repented, and is mindful of Christ's prayer to God: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." I urge this community to forgive these students, not to relieve these students of an appropriate and just punishment for their wrong, but to cause them to receive instruction so that they may go on to become persons better equipped to live in a diverse, multi-cultural society.

James B. Krasnoo
23 Main St.

Police 'ruining' life for local teens

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Each week the *Andover Townsmen* sets aside a portion of its weekly issue for the Police Log. Along with the date, time and a brief overview of each offense, they publish the name, address and age of each arrested person. This section of the paper has become very popular among Andover High School students, but for all the wrong reasons.

It has become very obvious that Andover teens are being arrested on a regular basis. It appears that emphasis has been entirely placed on spoiling the best times of our adolescent lives. With absolutely nowhere for youths to assemble during the nighttime hours, we are forced to ignore "no trespassing" signs and risk being taken into protective custody or even arrested.

This trend of arrests that is being set by the Andover police has gone way too far. What I find most amusing is that the officers who are presently arresting youths for drinking in parking lots once found themselves doing the exact same thing. However, those in their generation weren't being arrested in outrageous numbers. No, they were left alone. Maybe these responsible people who are here to "serve and protect" should have practiced what they preach.

The fact is that we live in a town where people younger than 18 account for well over half of the entries in the Police Log. As we all know, the Andover police have several expendable devices that they use in their job. These include night-vision goggles, mountain bikes and a German Shepherd. Although these things are a nice luxury, they are really unnecessary. It doesn't take night-vision goggles to arrest a couple of teens in a parking lot.

The Town of Andover needs to spend its money in a much more beneficial way. Money spent a little more wisely, along with a little more tolerance by the Police Department, could go a long way in this town. We need to make better decisions in this town on how to spend our money. Instead of spending it on unnecessary toys for the Andover Police Department, why not spend it on a youth center, or somewhere to attract kids. Whenever there is an event set up by the school, the turnout is incredible. More importantly, when kids are attending these events, they don't have to congregate in parking lots.

Even though my Andover High School career is coming to an end, I would like nothing more than to see future generations in this town be privileged enough to have a place to go. What we don't realize is that if the youths in this town continue to be

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ignored, this town will receive a bad reputation, and future generations will not choose to live here.

Myself and the rest of the Class of '00 at Andover High cannot wait to move on with our lives and, more importantly, move out of Andover. That's not a good sign, is it?

Michael Dowd
37 Linwood St.

(Editor's note: The Townsman does not print the names of juveniles — those younger than 17 — who are arrested.)

Thanks to an unknown helper

Editor, Townsman:

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, my son was injured in a car accident that took place on High Plain Road at 7:30 a.m. Because the police were quickly alerted to the accident, my son was able to receive help on a timely basis. We do not know who called the police, but we wish to thank whoever it was. We deeply appreciate that you took responsibility. Your action led to the prompt care of our son.

We also thank the AHS swim team coach, the family friends and our son's friends for their support.

Marina Gayl
14 Ravens Bluff

Help to protect endangered species

Editor, Townsman:

Many animals are endangered because people are hunting and collecting butterflies. They hunt animals for their fur and beauty. People destroy habitats so they can build buildings, introduce species, and pollution.

Ocelots, for example, are very

rare because their forest homes are being destroyed. Here is a list of some endangered species of animals: Giant Panda, Mountain Gorilla, Spanish Lynx, Kakapo, Short-Tailed Bat, Thylacine, Numbat, Orangutan, Proboscis Monkey, Malayan Tapir, Snow Leopard, Batrian Camel, Siberian Tiger, Gray Wolf, Osprey, Aradian Oryx, Black Rhinoceros, African Elephant, Aye-Aye, Cheetah, European Otter, Addax, Whooping Crane, Wolverine, Pronghorn Antelope, Peregrine Falcon, American Bison, Californian Condor, Gila Monster, Manatee, Solenodon, Ocelot, Blue Morpho Butterfly, Giant Tortoise, Giant Otter, Golden Lion Tamarin, Giant Anteater, and the Pampas Deer.

You can help by not buying furs from rare animals, skin bags shoes, ivory carvings and shell jewelry. You can also stop animals from being taken for pets like parrots.

Rachael, 8, and Adam Trotta, 10
2 Agawam Lane
Kayla Walsh, 8
39 Penobscot Way

Make penalty educational

Editor, Townsman:

We believe those young men who burned the swastika on the Andover High School football field should be punished but not in the manner mentioned.

Instead of three-day suspensions and being banned from extracurricular activities for the rest of the school year, we think they should all be required to do research and write reports about the Holocaust and also be required to go to the Holocaust Museum in Washington for at least one full day. If the parents are not able or willing to pay for the trip, we're sure the modest funds can be secured locally.

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will be attending new schools.

"If some children get to attend a new school," declares one parent, then all children should get to attend a new school. After all, what is equal education all about?"

May: The Police Department announces that it intends to construct a Youth Center at Rec Park.

"Sure, we know there are some other plans on the table," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "But we think most of them are misguided. Ours is perfect. The kids tend to hang out in Rec Park anyway, and if we get them all together in one place, it'll be easier to arrest large numbers of them, instead of having to single out just three or four."

June: In response to continued complaints about too much traffic in the Ballardvale section of town, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to impose a limit of one car per family.

"We think it's reasonable," says a statement from the board. "It's the only way to solve the problem, and it's not like we're China or something, trying to limit the number of kids you can have. Besides, we think it might be good for kids to walk to their dance lessons."

July: CMGI Inc. announces that it is buying the Town of Andover.

"We've acquired just about every Web company that's worth having," says CEO David Wetherell, "and we believe in investing in our community."

Town employees, after hearing that their compensation will include stock options, overwhelmingly support the deal.

August: Congressman Marty Meehan announces the appointment of his son, Robert, as his chief aide.

"I know this might seem a bit unusual, since he's not even nine months old yet," Meehan says, "but he's really a very bright child, and generous too. He's agreed to donate his entire salary to the family budget."

"Besides, I want him to get some political experience early, so when he runs for office he won't make the same mistake that I did, thinking he'd be less effective in Congress

after eight years than when he started.

September: The town's Affordable Housing Committee, despairing of getting local contractors to build low-cost housing, announces that it will bring an article to Town Meeting providing a cash gift of \$200,000 to every family making less than \$100,000 a year.

"If only some people are living in mansions," says a spokesman, "that obviously means not everybody is living in a mansion. What kind of equality is that?"

October: The Friends of Andover Seniors announce that they intend to build a Youth Center at Williams Hall, on the Phillips Academy property.

"What's going on?" demands Selectman Brian Major, complaining that every time he has a good idea, everybody else tries to steal it.

"Shhhh," says the Friends' Doreen Correnti. "We're just doing this to get the money, since there seems to be so much more support for the kids. Once we get the thing built, we'll kick the kids out of it and move the seniors in."

November: With the threat of numerous lawsuits hanging over their heads from parents complaining that the MCAS test doesn't fit their child's learning style, School Committee members vote to secede from the oversight of the state Department of Education.

"We're owned by an Internet company anyway," says Chairman Eric Nadworny, "so we're already essentially private. And besides, this has nothing to do with lowering the bar. All of our kids are above average anyway."

December: A militant group of accountants, wearing pocket protectors saying "Y2001K," storm the Board of Selectmen's meeting, demanding that an amount equal to what was spent on last year's faux millennium celebration be spent on celebrating the REAL millennium this year.

"If you don't do it," squeaks a spokesman, "then you might just as well start teaching that $2 + 2 = 5$ in the public schools."

And that's the way it will be in the Year 2000.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsman.com

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Education

Eccles runs for reelection

School Committee member Frank "Skip" Eccles announced Tuesday he will run for reelection this year.

Eccles completes his first three-year term this year, and says he hopes to continue on the committee to support Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach, and keep academic standards high.



Skip Eccles

"I think Claudia Bach is giving us a really fine brand of leadership, and I would want to support that," he says. "She has really given this school system a lift."

"I also feel strongly about academic standards. We need to keep working on that," he says.

Eccles also says schools should provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

"Regardless of whether someone is a good student or not, they should have the opportunity to express themselves one way or another," Eccles says.

He says too many students spend time working in jobs that don't contribute to their personal development.

Eccles, now retired, taught math at Phillips Academy for 34 years, and also served for three years as the school's academic dean. He now teaches one class per semester at Merrimack College.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Committee sets budget workshops

School Committee members received the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2001 last week, and plan to meet to discuss the budget in the next few weeks.

The FY 2001 preliminary budget weighs in at \$39 million, or a 7.4-percent increase over the FY 2000 budget of \$36.3 million, Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach says.

The increase is less than the 7.8-percent increase expected, she says.

Committee members will meet in budget workshops open to the public in the School Committee room of the School Administration Building at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 25, and Feb. 8.

Bach says she hopes the school system's goals and objectives will drive budget decisions.

"When we had to make hard decisions, we asked 'What will affect children the least?'" she says.

Students push to address diversity

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover High School students responded this week to a recent act of vandalism that carried undertones of a hate crime by asking for help in educating the community.

School Committee members Tuesday praised students for their efforts, and declared support for student plans to hold public discussions about tolerance and diversity.

Five Andover High School students were arrested in December for burning a swastika into a field at the school just before Thanksgiving. The students were suspended for three days and have been banned from extra-curricular activities for the rest of the year.

While many parents, teachers, students and school staff say they believe the incident was one of ignorance rather than hate, students say the issue should be taken seriously.

More than 200 people attended a vigil Dec. 23 in front of Old Town Hall, organized by Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel, to express support for values of respect and diversity.

AHS Senior Rebecca Rouse, a member of Project Teamwork at the school, said she hopes discussion forums could include topics of tolerance of everyone.

"It's not just a Holocaust issue. We can broaden people's knowledge of other groups," Rouse said.

Rouse and AHS senior Jenna Bernstein presented their plan to the committee Tuesday. They requested help in holding a series of discussions that could include a Holocaust survivor, but hope to discuss a range of topics.

"Hate crimes are rare, but little things happen every day that are just as bad. May goal is to make

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Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Teaching tolerance — AHS seniors Rebecca Rouse (left) and Jenna Bernstein, with Project Teamwork, proposed a series of public discussions on diversity.

Student rep to School Committee in touch with students

Stephen Fontanella may have only come to Andover two years ago, but he didn't waste any time before getting involved in his school.

He arrived in Andover for his sophomore year in high school, and won a spot on the Student Council by his junior year. This year, he'll serve as the Student Council representative to the Andover School Committee.

His goal is simply to keep committee members and administrators informed of student views and issues, he says.

If he has an opportunity to tackle issues, he may address parking at Andover High School or the effects of the block schedule, he says.

Meanwhile his time not studying is spent in theater. He has performed in AHS productions including Grease, The Miracle Worker, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

He plans to perform in the AHS premiere of Firebugs, a one-act play chosen for the New England High School Drama Festival to be hosted by Andover High School this year.

Fontanella says he tries to keep in touch with students' views by talking with and listening to students at school.

He moved to Andover from "a town a lot like Andover"



Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Getting involved — Student representative to the School Committee, Stephen Fontanella, moved in and jumped into school issues.

near Seattle, Washington three years ago. He is applying to colleges including Boston University and Fordham University in New York City.

"I like the city life and I want diversity in my school," Fontanella says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Students get support on teaching tolerance

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people think about the way they treat people," Bernstein said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach suggested finding a speaker, possibly from Eastern Europe, of high-school age who could talk to students about contemporary wars against minorities.

"We've just had ethnic cleansing happening in Europe. It's happening now," she said.

Stephen Fontanella, student representative to the School Committee, said he wondered if the kind of students who would commit hate crimes would

attend such a forum.

Committee member Tina Girdwood said that while it may feel like preaching to the converted, it's worth the effort.

"It becomes a community value," she said.

Committee members also suggested taping the forums for broadcast on local cable stations.

Students said Rabbi Goldstein and state Rep. Barry Finegold have pledged support for the forums.

Council on Aging director Jeanne Madden who attended the meeting, supports the plan, and adds that the students set a good example of how to take

action in a positive way.

Committee member Tim McCarron said the goal should be to include lessons of diversity in the curriculum, to make sure discussion of the issue is constantly raised.

"It's a constant vigilance toward this issue," McCarron said.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath said that students are taught about the Holocaust and World War II in 10th-grade social studies classes. Middle school Language Arts programs also touch on the issue, she said.

Of the students who were arrested in the swastika incident, two of them were 17, two were 16 and one was 15.

Committee member Dick Collins encouraged the students' efforts, and praised one student for his aim to "not attempt to deal with hatred with more hatred. Let's not be guilty of the same thing," he said.

Collins also told of a high school sophomore he once taught 10 years ago who came to class with a swastika painted on his arm, claiming that he didn't know its connotations.

"I threw that kid out on his head," Collins said.

Committee member Skip Eccles said discussions about a student body's sense of community, spurred by the shootings last year at the Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., should not be abandoned.

He said that a homeroom period, which was removed with the inception of the current high school block schedule, is one way for teachers to address social issues during the school day.

"We really do miss those 15 minutes a day with one teacher," he said.

Fontanella added that he felt the absence of a homeroom period in the high school's block schedule led to less school spirit, because some teachers make a point to discuss school and community events, and others do not.

However, McCarron said he doesn't think a designated homeroom time will guarantee discussion of social issues or connections between teachers and students.

"I'll eat that if that happens in anything called a homeroom," he said, adding that such discussions should occur during regular class times.



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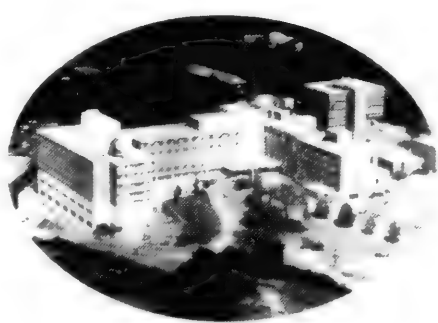
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SCHOOL TALK

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council will meet Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the media center to review funding requests for classroom resources, enrichment programs, and extracurricular activities.

All AHS parents are invited to help determine the disposition of available PAC funds.

The Explosive Child: A

new approach to understanding and parenting easily frustrated, "chronically inflexible" children will be the topic in the Parent to Parent speaker series Wednesday, Jan. 12, (snow date: Jan. 19) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in West Middle School Auditorium on Shawsheen Road.

The speaker will be Ross W. Greene, Ph.D., director of Cognitive-Behavioral Psychology at

the Clinical and Research Program in Pediatric Psychopharmacology at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he specializes in the treatment of inflexible, easily frustrated, explosive children and adolescents, and their families.

He is also assistant professor of psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and the author of book, *The Explosive Child*.

The speaker series is free and open to the public.

Greene will present a look at children's behavior that is often viewed as difficult, strong-willed, coercive, attention-seeking, spoiled, stubborn and manipulative. Drawing upon recent advances in the neurosciences and his many years of clinical experience, he has put together a new approach for understanding and par-

enting these children.

Greene has found that whatever the label, these children are distinguished by a few characteristics, namely "striking inflexibility and low frustration tolerance." Flexibility and frustration tolerance are critical developmental skills children acquire as they move beyond the Terrible Twos. Children delayed in developing



Ross W. Greene, Ph.D.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

The following Andover students have been named to the honor roll for the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Northfield.

Kaitlin Tully received high honors. Benjamin Robbins received honors.

Vincent P. Montalbano of Andover was named to the honor roll at Avon Old Farms School for the first trimester.

Andover students Kempton Randolph and Rachelle Dennis were named to the high honor roll at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield.

Doherty Middle School has added the following names to the first term honor roll (published in the Dec. 23 issue of the *Townsmen*):

Grade 8 High Honors: Crista Milley

and Adrienne Shea;

Grade 7 High Honors: Sarah Donelan;

Grade 6 High Honors: Mason Fried.

Rebecca E. Scully of Andover, a third-year student at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., is enrolled for one semester at the Mountain School in Ver-shire, Vt.

The school, which offers a rigorous college preparatory program in a rural setting, is sponsored by Milton Academy, in conjunction with Phillips Exeter and other New England independent schools.

Scully is one of four Exonians joining 40 other high school students living at and working the farm at the heart of the Mountain School experience.

The farm, work program, and environmental lecture series illustrate and expand academic concepts encountered

in the classroom.

Scully is the daughter of Richard Scully and Deborah Cobb of Andover.

Brooks School junior Kerry Nugent, daughter of George and Luanne Nugent of Andover, earned All-League distinction for soccer in the Independent School League this fall and was named captain for the 2000 Varsity Soccer team.

In addition to playing soccer, Nugent participates in softball, ice hockey, Brooks Brothers and Sisters, and she is a campus tour guide.

Hunter Washburn of Andover, a senior at Phillips Academy, completed his last regular season cross country

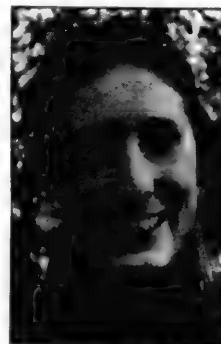
dual meet last month, setting a new course record (15 minutes, 47 seconds) on the 5K (3.1-mile) Phillips course.

Washburn led his team to victory over archrival Phillips Exeter Academy (N.H.) by a score of 18-43 (low score wins).

The three-sport captain leads the boys' cross country team, the swim team, and the crew team, which is coached by his father, Pete Washburn, an instructor in math at Phillips Academy since 1980.

Both the Phillips boys' and girls' cross country teams finished the regular season with undefeated records.

The girls' team is led by sophomore Melissa Donais of Bradford, who tied her own course record time of 18:16 this fall.



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WHAT'S UP

AYS offering several youth lacrosse sessions

By Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services
Program Coordinator

AYS Youth Spring Lacrosse

Registration for the spring season of AYS youth lacrosse will take place on Jan. 11 & 18 in the Town Offices, 2nd floor conference room, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and will be ongoing until the teams are filled.

Boys and girls who are 9-14 years old (as of Jan. 1, 2000) are welcome.

This year we will be offering a modified lacrosse program for 9- and 10-year-olds.

Andover Lacrosse is run by volunteer coaches and help from parents. If you are interested in coaching or want to help, call 623-8241.

Winter Lacrosse Session

Come to the AHS Field House and get your game on. Whether you are already an All-Star or have never picked up a stick before, check out this winter lacrosse session.

Beginners will learn the skills and fundamentals of lacrosse and experienced players will have a chance to hone their skills before the spring season.

The session will be divided into four different sessions: a girls-only, boys 12-&-under, boys 14-&-under, and high school.

Dates are Jan. 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27; March 19, 26.

A registration form complete with times and costs is available at the AYS and DCS offices.

AHS TV field trip in late fall was a success

The television production students from Joe Spanos' and Karen Stevens' classes at Andover High School (photo below) enjoyed a day of "behind-the-scenes" tours of television production facilities on Nov. 30.

Organized and led by Spanos and Harry J. Durso, the students started

the day at The Troupe in Windham, N.H., where they witnessed the production and editing of television commercials, Web pages and CD-ROMs. The state-of-the-art production facility tour was led by John Connors, who gave a talk about the future of technology in television and the beginning stages of high-definition television (HDTV). The students asked questions about the computerized editing systems and the concept of



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compressed digital video. They visited the studio where the company had just shot a commercial using the latest lighting and special-effects technology.

Later that day, the students toured Channel 5 (WCVB-TV) in Needham and were given a tour by Caroline Waddell of the station's public relations department. David Brown, the noon weatherman, invited the students to watch him prepare for the noon news, which was minutes away. He showed how he prepared his own maps and used computers and "key" effects to do the weather. The students then were brought onto the news set and visited news anchors Jim Boyd, Susan Wornick, and psychologist Tom Cottle. They watched as the noon news was broadcast live and were able to observe the roll-ins, live cut-ins, and the banter on the set among the anchors and floor director Al Giglio. Students asked questions about the news operation and saw news decisions made

on the air as they occurred.

Both Spanos and Durso acknowledged the professional insight given to the students by the Channel 5 executives. The students were very engaged in the activities of the day and had many interesting questions, organizers said.

The "behind-the-scenes television production" field trips will continue with a trip to production facilities in New York City.

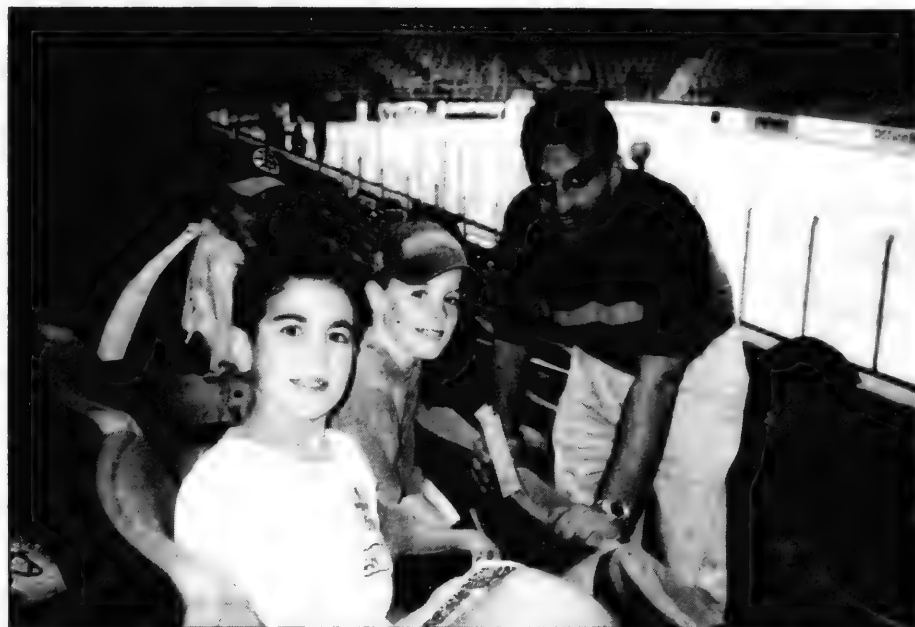
A visit with Anson Carter

By Nicholas P. Milley
Grade 5, South School

Steve Zrike's class at South Elementary School went to the Sept. 29 Boston Bruins' practice.

First, we ventured out in parents' cars to the FleetCenter. When we got there, we got to park where the players park. Then, when we entered the building, we waited for a tour guide and we were off.

We entered the FleetCenter



◀ In addition to interviewing Bruins' star Anson Carter at the Fleet Center in Boston, Steve Zrike's fifth-grade class from South School enjoyed watching the Bruins practice. Pictured from front are Danny Godefroi, Zach Zemlin and Ben Ledefine-Paskal with their teacher, Steve Zrike.

rink and it was empty. It looked so big when it was empty. First, we saw the Bruins warm up by taking practice shots on goal. Then they skated some laps around the rink. Then they would shoot some more. Finally, they stopped and we had to go into a special room to wait for the Bruins' center, Anson Carter.

When Anson Carter entered, silence also entered. We were struck by his pres-

ence. He was a big man but moved very easily. At first, we were awed but then we started to feel more comfortable.

We started to ask him questions, like "How did you get interested in hockey?" or "Have you ever felt racial prejudice?" (Anson Carter is an African-American).

You might think hockey players would be really tough people because they are always getting smashed on the

boards or are smashing other people on the boards. But Anson Carter was a very kind person to be around. He was very warm and friendly. He seemed interested in us. He listened to what we asked and answered in a way we could understand.

Anson Carter is a nice man who cares about the kids who aren't as lucky as we are. He has a thing called "Carter's

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Corner." Carter's Corner brings these kids to hockey games and sometimes gives them equipment so they can play when they get home.

All in all, it was quite a day. We got to see the FleetCenter and how professional hockey players practice. We got to meet one up close and found out they are just people like you and me.

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these skills experience life with more difficulty and greater challenges, as do the people who interact with them.

Greene will provide an overview of his new approach for understanding and parenting these children. He believes that once parents have a better understanding of why their child behaves as he or she does, strategies for improvement become clearer. His goals are to reduce family hostility and improve children's capacities for flexibility, frustration tolerance, communication, and self-regulation.

Ultimately, he hopes to help parents break down the barriers imposed by their child's inflexibility and begin to interact in ways that feel better to both parent and child.

Two parenting classes are being offered by Parent to Parent this month. The series uses S.T.E.P., Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, a nationally recognized parenting program.

The five-part series for parents of children ages 7 to 12 covers skills essential for good parent-child relationships. Topics include goals of behavior and misbehavior; listening to your child;

logical consequences; problem-solving; and family meetings. The cost is \$85 per person, \$135 per couple (may purchase handbook at first class).

A daytime class will be held Wednesdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2 and 9, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Andover Youth Services office, third floor of Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

An evening class will be held Thursdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the School Administration Building.

A four-part series for parents of teenagers will cover ways to improve their relationship with teens. Topics will include understanding teen's behavior; building teen's self-esteem; improv-

ing listening and communication with teens; and negotiating with teenager.

The cost is \$70 per person, \$110 couple (may purchase handbook at first class).

The class will be held Wednesdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the School Administration Building.

Preregistration is required. Call Pat MacElhaney at 475-8282 by Friday, Jan. 7.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Jan. 10-14:

Elementary schools

Monday: Ravioli with salad, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, peas, rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Pork chop with

mashed potatoes, pizza with graham crackers, cheeseburger with fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with rice, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, corn, roll, apple-crisp, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Eggplant parmesan

with spaghetti, pizza with graham crackers, french toast sticks with sausage, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Meatball sub with fries, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog with fries, sweet potato, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Ravioli with salad, baked nuggets and puffs, nachos with salsa and cheese, peas, roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Pork chop with mashed potatoes, stuffed crust cheese pizza, chicken McSchool, carrots, cranberry

sauce, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Fish and chips with coleslaw, baked nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger with fries, corn, roll, applecrisp, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Eggplant parmesan with spaghetti, stuffed crust cheese pizza, Egg McMuffin, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Meatball sub with fries, baked nuggets and puffs, two hot dogs with fries, sweet potato, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Breakfast for lunch, wedge pizza, ilio olio with sausage, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Pork chop with mashed potatoes, bagel/square pizza, pasta with meatballs, applesauce, carrots, milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with rice, wedge pizza, eggplant with pasta, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Chicken, broccoli and ziti, bagel/square pizza, pasta, ilio olio with sausage, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday: Two hot dogs with beans, wedge pizza, pasta with meatballs, fruit, milk.

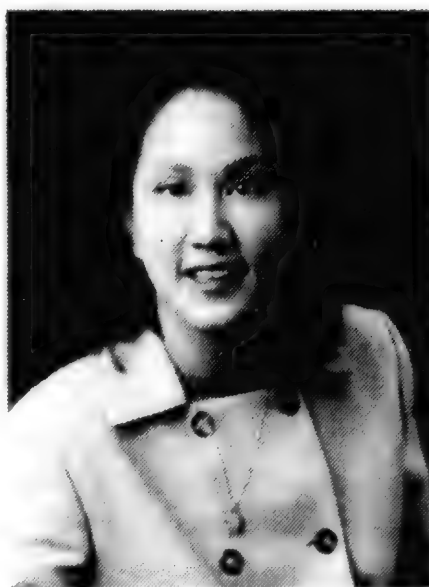
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- Dr. Lourdes Falconi-Quang

A graduate of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Dr. Falconi-Quang served her residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center in Michigan. She enjoys aerobics, playing the piano, baking and dancing. She and her husband, who is also a physician, live in Andover.



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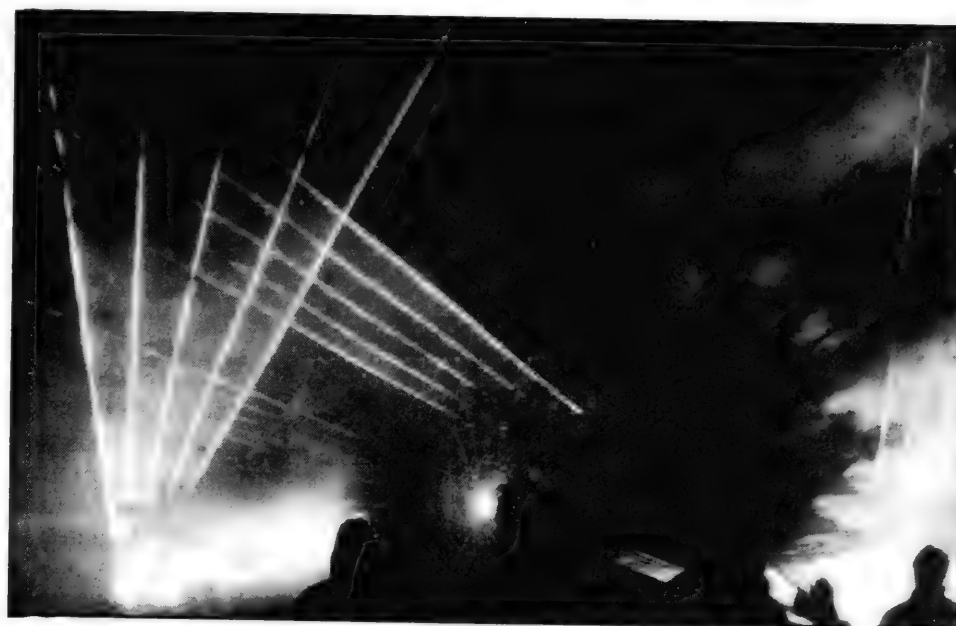
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News



Andover welcomes Y2K



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Celebration scenes — The Andover 2000 celebration drew residents from near and far. At left, dancers from the Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange perform at West Middle School. Above, the laser show dazzles onlookers outside. Below left, Mike Fay sings and leads the conga line at the family sock hop. Below, right, Olga and Geraldo Yanayaco, of Peru, watch the celebration. They were visiting Marizela Apostle, of Andover, and had just come from Times Square in New York City.



Selectman want search for a bigger town yard

By Neil Fater

Not completely satisfied with any of the three town-owned places Andover could put a new, expanded town yard, selectmen are hoping to create new options.

They've asked Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski to search for industrial land the town can buy for a new base of operations for the town's plant and facilities and public works departments.

The current town yard — where the town stores, among other things, the trucks, sand and salt it needs for road maintenance — is at the bottom of Lewis Street, and visible from the Andover MBTA station.

Architect Herbert Zeller noted that some workers there use a partially condemned building, and that the highway facility has uncontrolled salt and sand mixing.

Plant and facilities director Joe Piantedosi has presented selectmen with a request for a new complex with a total of 50,000 square feet of building space.

More than half of this would be garage space, meant to increase the life of the town's vehicles.

"Right now, their garage and storage facility is bursting at the seams," says Zeller. "You have to give the staff some credit for creativity. They are putting little dog houses and additions onto the facilities."

Zeller also says the existing facility does not have provisions for women or the handicapped. The current locker room is also a break room, allowing for little privacy, he says.

"We've got a tough facility here. The guys are living with it and working with it," says Zeller.

Zeller says that Piantedosi's proposed needs

would require six to eight acres of space. The current town yard is only 3.3 acres, so the town would need to acquire more land there.

Another potential site is by the West Fire Station. This site is only five acres, but Zeller says if the town closed Ledge Road, it could use some of the recently capped landfill space and "pick up three acres easily."

A final site is school-controlled land off 125 that Zeller suggests could be best accessed if the town purchase a strip of land from either the Andover School of Montessori or a resident who lives next to the school on Route 28.

If Andover were to move some wetland on this school-controlled site, Zeller says it could have eight to 10 acres there.

But Zeller notes that each of the proposed areas has problems.

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125 and Salem Street. Arias apparently pulled into the station to make a phone call around 3 a.m.

John Cote, a co-operator of the gas station, said state police told him that when Arias pulled into the front of the station, a state trooper broke a window at the back of the station and climbed inside.

"(Arias) car was parked right here by the air pump. He was

going to make a phone call," said Cote. "The sniper had a clear shot to get him then, but he didn't do it. The state police had the gun pointed at him."

When Arias tried to leave the station, state police cruisers blocked his car.

This led to a standoff that closed a section of Route 125 from Route 28 to Gould Road until nearly 11 a.m., when hostage negotiators convinced Arias to drop his gun and let the two women go.

Police used the Getty gas station as their command headquarters until about 9 a.m. This

allowed Cote, and co-operator Huron Escibano, a close look at the negotiations.

"We came at 6 a.m., and everything was blocked off. They trapped the guy right here, about 40 yards away," said Escibano, as he pumped gas shortly after his station was reopened Friday morning.

"They gave him some food and water. The guy was talking on the phone back and forth with police," said Escibano. "Basically, they were waiting for him. They gave him a list — a list of his options I guess. He smoked a cigarette and then gave up."

The deal that led to Arias' arrest was formulated by a hostage negotiation team including crisis negotiator Sgt. Stephen Pugsley of Massachusetts State Police and Andover Lt. James Hashem, who provided technical support.

Arias demanded a guarantee that he serve no more than 10 years in prison, and that he be imprisoned in his native Dominican Republic. He also demanded that custody of his two children be given to his mother.

A deal granting Arias his wishes was drawn up and signed by fictitious judge Michael Sherman.

Police delivered the docu-



Boston Globe pool photo

In custody — State police put Ruben Alberto Arias into a cruiser after his surrender.

ment with a cigarette.

When Arias asked to speak with an attorney about the deal, Essex County District Attorney Kevin Burke told him the deal "held the authority of the judge who signed it."

"It's a ruse," Burke said later at a press conference.

Such tactics are employed in hostage situations, Burke said, but added that he was careful not to lie to Arias in answering his questions.

"Ultimately it was the hours spent by the negotiating team that made him give in," Burke said.

Hashem said police allowed "scheduled breaks" to allow things to cool down during the

tense negotiations.

"He didn't want to die is what it came down to. It was a matter of securing his confidence and letting him know he wouldn't be hurt, and at the same time we didn't want anyone else hurt," said Hashem. "It took a while to convince him. He made some demands that we had to fulfill. He wasn't going to give up (at first), but it was a matter of letting him know that was the best way to go."

Among the demands were requests for food and water because, "obviously, it was kind of uncomfortable in the car."

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Neighbors awaken, told to flee

By Neil Fater

The 1990s ended with a bang for some Andover residents — the bang of concerned state troopers knocking at their front door, warning them to get out of the house at 4:45 a.m.

With Ruben Alberto Arias holding two women hostage in a car cornered by state police on Route 125, state police turned an Andover gas station into a makeshift command post, and eventually evacuated at least one family from their Salem Street home Dec. 31.

Several neighbors of 125 were awakened after 3 a.m. Friday by the sound of helicopters flying overhead.

Bob Ota says he originally thought the helicopter sound was coming from construction equipment trying to tear up Route 125, and thought about calling police to complain.

But the Otas soon realized there was no need to call the police. When Norma Ota raised her bedroom shade she saw a sea of flashing blue police lights surrounding Arias' car on Route 125. The car sat about 40 yards from the Otas' back windows.

Still sitting in the robes they threw on around 4:45 a.m., the Otas told the *Townsmen* the state police knocked on their door before sunrise and suggested they leave for their safety.

"When the state troopers told us to get out of the house, we got out," says Bob Ota.

"They told us it was too risky to stay, in case there were shots fired," says Norma. "There must have been 10 cruisers outside with the lights on. You could see the cars parked right behind our garage. They told us that was his car and we had to get out. What a way to start the new year!"

A state trooper moved the Otas' car from their unattached garage and pulled it in front of their house, so they could jump inside and speed to safety.

"That's when you knew how serious the situation was. My bedroom faces the highway," says Bob Jr. "You could see the suspect in the window. You could see the two other people. It was kind of scary."

More than an hour after the Otas were sent to their son Michael's home to wait out the ordeal, Huron Escribano and John Cote arrived at the scene. They are the co-operators of the Getty gas station where state police cornered Arias. Police broke into the station, cut an alarm wire and set up a command post there that they used until about 9 a.m., says Cote.

"I'd say there were about 15 people here already when I got here. A lot more arrived. I'd say there were about 150 police here easy," says Cote. "They were all over the place."

After Arias turned over his weapon, dozens of state police cars were seen driving from the scene.

Escribano says that police "snipers" and dogs were in the woods and on top of the Otas' garage.

"You hear about it all the time, and you see it in the paper, but you never think it's going to happen in your own backyard," says Bob Ota Jr. "The SWAT team had asked to come in the house because they wanted to see if there was a good place (from which) to watch or possibly shoot the suspect."

"They didn't want any lights to give away their positions," says Bob Jr. "They told us, 'Don't put any lights on in the house.'"

Both the Otas and the Getty operators were happy the standoff ended peacefully.

"It was pretty amazing. It's New Year's Eve, and I'm just glad everyone's all right," said Escribano, shortly after his station reopened. "I was thinking of (Arias') kids and how on New Year's Eve they might not have a mother and father."

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"There were a few times where we had to break because things were getting excited," said Hashem. "It wasn't steady contact."

State police negotiator Pugsley, who spoke directly with Arias, said technical difficulties with negotiating over cell phones made communications difficult until a direct-line phone was used. Once a clear phone line was in place, Pugsley had to convince Arias to get on the phone, rather than using one of the hostages as a third-party in communicating.

Pugsley said his job was to help Arias realize that he had something to live for. Through conver-

sation it became clear that his children were most important to him, Pugsley said.

"Many people in a crisis situation just need someone to listen to them," Pugsley said, who spent time allowing Arias to vent frustrations about his relationship with Santana.

"We had to try get him to let it all out, and get back to his family," Pugsley said.

Threats

Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo said he was called to the scene at 3 a.m., and worked with State Police to set up command centers and establish a connection with Arias.

Arias spoke only with Pugsley, but his comments were heard by

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 9:48 p.m., James E. Blum, 32, of 121 Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested at the police station and charged with violating a domestic protection order about three hours after a Brookside Drive woman had called to report he was screaming and yelling at her.

Friday, Dec. 31 - At 8:54 p.m., a 44-year-old Burlington man was taken into protective custody after a Grill 93 employee reported chasing a man who appeared to be breaking into a car.

At 11:58 p.m., Eric J. Murphy, 32, of 53 Judkins Road, Medford, was arrested on Interstate 93 South and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay in marked lanes.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - At 2:28 p.m., John Valentine, 36, of 21 Roosevelt Ave., Peabody, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay in marked lanes and speeding.

At 4:04 a.m., six female Melrose residents between ages 18 and 20 were taken into protective custody at the Wyndham Hotel after security there requested an officer help with clearing a room. All of the females were picked up by their parents.

At 6:26 p.m., a 39-year-old Haverhill man was taken into protective custody on Railroad Street after a train employee reported an intoxicated and unruly man on the train.

At 11:25 p.m., 21 people were arrested at the Tague Inn.

Danielle E. Wordell, 20, of 9 Park Ave., Methuen; Sassan Saffariamlashi, 19, of 37 Clementi Lane, Methuen; Michael J. Sullivan, 19, of 116 Renfrew St., Methuen; Anthony Amato, 19, of 34 Campbell St., Methuen; Christopher M. Ross, 19, of 42 Partridge Road, Methuen; Anthony V. DiTommaso, 19, of 25 Brookdale Ave., Methuen; Rebecca A. Farrell, 18, of 82 Sevoian Drive, Methuen; Justin J. Demers, 19, of 30 Howe St., Methuen; Leah M. Smith, 19, of 161 Rockingham Road, Derry, N.H.; Kevin Buck, 20, 357 Pelham St., Methuen; Jill E. Anderson, 19, of 14 Red Coat Drive, Hampstead, N.H.; Ryan P. Burke, 19, of 16 Old Homestead Road, Methuen; Amanda N. Barnes, 17, of 3 Mason Drive, Salem, N.H.; Jahan Saffariamlashi, 19, of 37 Clementi Lane, Methuen; Brian T. Firth, 19, of 41 Cypress Ave., Methuen; Candis P. Corsaro, 19, of 6 Guilford Ave., Methuen; Michael Underwood, 19, of 64 Wentworth Ave., Lowell; Damian J. Gray, 20, of 97 Milk St., Methuen; Shannon P. Murphy, 20, of 4 Elm St., Methuen; and Alison T. Bazdanes, 20, of 137 Howe St., Methuen were all arrested and charged with being minors transporting or carrying alcohol.

Christopher J. Shipulski, 21, of 620 John Paul Jones Circle, Portsmouth, Va., was also arrested and charged with keeping a disorderly house.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 2:15 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to an Andover man.

Friday, Dec. 31 - At 1:34 a.m., an Andover man

asked police to remove his girlfriend who was refusing to leave. An officer requested a cab that brought the woman home.

At 3:07 a.m., Andover police receive first word from state police of the pursuit that would turn into a hostage situation on Route 125 (See page 1).

At 10:18 a.m., a Tech Drive Ford Motor Credit Company employee requested an officer regarding a

threat a customer made about "blowing up the building."

At 2:07 p.m., a man at Shawsheen Plaza reported that his wife with dementia had wandered off, and he had been unable to find her for the past 10 minutes. The caller reported finding his wife in a store a minute later.

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When Arias was stopped on Route 125, negotiations were conducted over a direct-line hostage phone provided by Lowell Police, set up with the assistance of Hashem.

Lowell Police Chief Ed Davis said the phone runs on a high-powered battery.

"No one (other than police) hears what is being said. It's an isolated phone line," Davis said.

Lowell Police provided the hostage phone, and offered use of their command center van before police temporarily took over the Getty station as their command center. The also

evacuated neighbors, and stationed snipers in those homes. (See sidebar, page 19.)

Neighbor Laura Ahern said she was warned by state police that gunfire could break out near their home. Home alone with her two teen-age children, Ahern said she opted to stay but lay low.

"It was creepy, but we decided to stay and try to be calm," she said. State police told her to stay away from her windows, she said.

Neighbor David Tomlinson of Salem Street said he was awake nursing a cold at 3 a.m. when he heard helicopters. He turned on spotlights installed around the house, in case police were searching for a suspect, he said.

He and his wife watched through their windows for a while before going back to bed, he said.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 9:48 p.m., James E. Blum, 32, of 121 Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested at the police station and charged with violating a domestic protection order about three hours after a Brookside Drive woman had called to report he was screaming and yelling at her.

Friday, Dec. 31 - At 8:54 p.m., a 44-year-old Burlington man was taken into protective custody after a Grill 93 employee reported chasing a man who appeared to be breaking into a car.

At 11:58 p.m., Eric J. Murphy, 32, of 53 Judkins Road, Medford, was arrested on Interstate 93 South and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay in marked lanes.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - At 2:28 p.m., John Valentine, 36, of 21 Roosevelt Ave., Peabody, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay in marked lanes and speeding.

At 4:04 a.m., six female Melrose residents between ages 18 and 20 were taken into protective custody at the Wyndham Hotel after security there requested an officer help with clearing a room. All of the females were picked up by their parents.

At 6:26 p.m., a 39-year-old Haverhill man was taken into protective custody on Railroad Street after a train employee reported an intoxicated and unruly man on the train.

At 11:25 p.m., 21 people were arrested at the Tago Inn.

Danielle E. Wordell, 20, of 9 Park Ave., Methuen; Sassan Saffariamlashi, 19, of 37 Clementi Lane, Methuen; Michael J. Sullivan, 19, of 116 Renfrew St., Methuen; Anthony Amato, 19, of 34 Campbell St., Methuen; Christopher M. Ross, 19, of 42 Partridge Road, Methuen; Anthony V. DiTommaso, 19, of 25 Brookdale Ave., Methuen; Rebecca A. Farrell, 18, of 82 Sevoian Drive, Methuen; Justin J. Demers, 19, of 30 Howe St., Methuen; Leah M. Smith, 19, of 161 Rockingham Road, Derry, N.H.; Kevin Buck, 20, 357 Pelham St., Methuen; Jill E. Anderson, 19, of 14 Red Coat Drive, Hampstead, N.H.; Ryan P. Burke, 19, of 16 Old Homestead Road, Methuen; Amanda N. Barnes, 17, of 3 Mason Drive, Salem, N.H.; Jahan Saffariamlashi, 19, of 37 Clementi Lane, Methuen; Brian T. Firth, 19, of 41 Cypress Ave., Methuen; Candis P. Corsaro, 19, of 6 Guilford Ave., Methuen; Michael Underwood, 19, of 64 Wentworth Ave., Lowell; Damian J. Gray, 20, of 97 Milk St., Methuen; Shannon P. Murphy, 20, of 4 Elm St., Methuen; and Alison T. Bazdanes, 20, of 137 Howe St., Methuen were all arrested and charged with being minors transporting or carrying alcohol.

Christopher J. Shipulski, 21, of 620 John Paul Jones Circle, Portsmouth, Va., was also arrested and charged with keeping a disorderly house.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 2:15 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to an Andover man.

Friday, Dec. 31 - At 1:34 a.m., an Andover man

asked police to remove his girlfriend who was refusing to leave. An officer requested a cab that brought the woman home.

At 3:07 a.m., Andover police receive first word from state police of the pursuit that would turn into a hostage situation on Route 125 (See page 1).

At 10:18 a.m., a Tech Drive Ford Motor Credit Company employee requested an officer regarding a

threat a customer made about "blowing up the building."

At 2:07 p.m., a man at Shawsheen Plaza reported that his wife with dementia had wandered off, and he had been unable to find her for the past 10 minutes. The caller reported finding his wife in a store a minute later.

At 4:28 p.m., a Dress Barn employee reported that a female had

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Hostage ...

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When Arias was stopped on Route 125, negotiations were conducted over a direct-line hostage phone provided by Lowell Police, set up with the assistance of Hashem.

Lowell Police Chief Ed Davis said the phone runs on a high-powered battery.

"No one (other than police) hears what is being said. It's an isolated phone line," Davis said.

Lowell Police provided the hostage phone, and offered use of their command center van before police temporarily took over the Getty station as their command center. The also

evacuated neighbors, and stationed snipers in those homes. (See sidebar, page 19.)

Neighbor Laura Ahern said she was warned by state police that gunfire could break out near their home. Home alone with her two teen-age children, Ahern said she opted to stay but lay low.

"It was creepy, but we decided to stay and try to be calm," she said. State police told her to stay away from her windows, she said.

Neighbor David Tomlinson of Salem Street said he was awake nursing a cold at 3 a.m. when he heard helicopters. He turned on spotlights installed around the house, in case police were searching for a suspect, he said.

He and his wife watched through their windows for a while before going back to bed, he said.

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POLICE LOG

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tried to pay for merchandise with a \$50 bill the employee felt was counterfeit. The female paid with a credit card and left.

At 6:22 p.m., a restraining order was delivered.

At 11:15 a.m., an officer was to stand by while a woman picked up her two children. Her husband did not want the children to leave, and the woman was not to be on the property, according to the log.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - At 5:58 a.m., an Andover man named "Matt" called to report "being brutally assaulted." He first said the assault happened in Methuen, then said Andover, and refused to give any information about the assault. He also refused to give his last name and then hung up, says the log.

At 10:55 a.m., a Bulfinch Drive woman reported receiving a black box with a pink powder on it. The caller was afraid to open the box, which was reported as "possibly a voodoo package." An officer planned to speak with an Andover resident

who may have sent the package.

At 10:12 p.m., a Noel Road resident reported what appeared to be two fires in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. An officer found what appeared to be a small camp where someone might be living.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - At 4:24 p.m., an Andover woman reported that her husband had violated a restraining order an hour earlier.

Monday, Jan. 3 - At 11:34 a.m., an Abbot Street woman reported a construction crew in the area was always letting a black lab run loose while the crew worked. An officer spoke with the crew and it will tie up the dog.

At 11:47 a.m., a Lowell Street resident reported a neighbor's dogs frequently run loose and this morning had put a hole in her screen porch. An officer was unable to corral the dog.

At 12:01 p.m., a male came into the station to report losing a cell phone after he left it on top of his truck Nov. 1.

At 7:43 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand at an Andover apartment complex.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - At 12:37 a.m., an Andover woman requested an ambulance for her 24-year-old daughter, who she said is on drugs and becoming uncontrollable. Officers reported no problem - the young woman had decided to go in the ambulance to the hospital.

At 4:44 p.m., a Crestwood Drive man reported his cell phone missing.

THEFTS

Thursday, Dec. 30 - At 11:33 a.m., a Market Basket employee reported a female shoplifter

had just left the store with eight packages of steak that she dropped outside the store, before leaving in small, red car. An officer responded.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - At 1:01 p.m., an Abbot Bridge Drive caller reported that someone had taken a reindeer decoration from his front yard during the night.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - At 11:47 a.m., a McDonald's manager reported the theft of Jimmy Fund containers.

Monday, Jan. 3 - At 9:38 a.m., a Plaza Cuts man asked to speak to an officer regarding supplies that had been taken.

At 1:11 p.m., a Dunkin' Donuts employee reported a bank deposit of \$1,534 was missing.

At 3:06 p.m., a resident reported that someone had stolen his step-daughter's beeper while she was at Andover High School that afternoon. An officer paged the device, and the person with the beeper called the officer. The officer reported that the pager would be turned into the school office the next day.

At 4 p.m., a Greater Lawrence Technical School teacher reported that someone had taken her pocketbook early that afternoon. The pocketbook was found about 10 minutes later with \$120 missing from it.

At 7:40 p.m., a detective was to file on the use of a bad check on Bartlet Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - At 11:54 a.m., a High Street business reported the theft of a sign.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 6 p.m., an Andover woman

reported her car was broken into while parked at the Ramada on Lowell Street.

At 8:37 p.m., an officer responding to a car-break report at Wyndham Hotel found two car breaks.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - At 11:38 p.m., Cambridge police reported recovering a car stolen from a Stevens Circle resident sometime between New Year's Eve at 11 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 9:30 a.m. As a result of a motor vehicle stop, Cambridge police recovered the car without damage and arrested the driver, who was in possession of the vehicle's keys.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - At 7:22 a.m., a fire deputy reported an accident with minor injuries in front of the public safety center.

At 2:52 p.m., there was a report of a disabled school bus on Holly Terrace. A sergeant requested the fire department respond because there was a brake line fire that was out, but still smoking. A replacement bus was dispatched.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - At 12:44 p.m., an officer was to file a report of a town sign that had been knocked down on Newman Hill Road, after a caller reported a trailer truck damaging property.

Thursday, Dec. 30 - At 4:52 p.m., there were several calls about a roll-over accident with injury on Dascomb Road at Interstate 93. A fire engine and an ambulance responded.

Friday, Dec. 31 - At 10:38 p.m., a man reported hitting a deer on Haggetts Pond Road that got up and ran away.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - At 5:28 p.m., there were several calls about an accident with injury on Salem Street.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - At 9:57 p.m., an officer reported having to kill a deer after a car hit one on South Main Street.

At 11:38 p.m., a caller reported that her friend had just struck a deer near Cross Street and Brady Loop. An officer was unable to find the animal.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - At 4:11 p.m., an Andover High School teacher reported finding damage to his car parked in the school lot.

At 6:43 p.m., a sergeant reported getting a flat tire on Railroad Street after trying to stop a speeding car.

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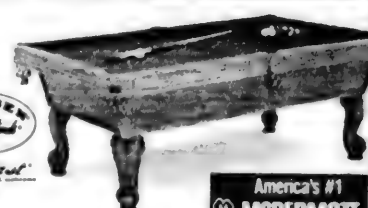
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Charitable feast

The Feaster Five is always an entertaining way for thousands of Andover residents to start Thanksgiving, but this year there were plenty of other reasons for people to participate.

More than 60,000 reasons, according to race director Dave McGillivray. He says that's the amount this year's event raised for charity.

Yesterday, Wednesday, McGillivray placed a check for \$25,357.38 into the mail for the Merrimack Valley Striders. That money was the net proceeds from the 1999 Feaster Five Road Race.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

At the finish — The Feaster Five charities may have posted even better final numbers than this year's race winners.

According to his agreement with the Striders, the racing group that sponsors the race, McGillivray says the Striders will split this money 50-50 between the Lazarus House and Home Health VNA.

In addition, McGillivray says he has heard that more than \$20,000 in pledges was raised for the VNA, and about \$15,000 was raised in pledges for the Lazarus House, a homeless shelter in Lawrence.

"This is certainly a record contribution from the Feaster Five Road Race," he says.

McGillivray, who in recent years has suggested he might limit his involvement with the Feaster, is already talking about when he will hold the first meetings for Feaster Five 2000.

H.S. Drama Fest coming to Collins Center

By Neil Fater

Andover High School drama students will rehearse to present *The Firebugs*, but it will be remarkable if the play sees the Collins Center stage in April.

It's not that there's anything wrong with the Collins Center.

It's just that if *The Firebugs* shows there April 17, 18 or 19, it means it was selected as one of the two best plays in the entire state.

Andover High School will host the 72nd annual New England High School Drama Festival inside the Collins Center on that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17, 18 and 19.

This festival stages only the best two high school plays from each of the six New England states.

To appear in the New England festival at the Collins Center, Andover High students would have to beat out nearly 100 other Massachusetts high schools, during three rounds of competition.

But even if Andover High students are not one of the two Mass. schools selected, they will still be help run the three-day New England festival.

Christopher Shailor, Andover High's theater director, is responsible for bringing the festival to the Collins Center.

"Two years ago, the festival was awarded to me in my position on the Mass. council. When I moved over to Andover, it followed me to Andover,"



Play the role of helper

Because the High School Drama Festival is a large, three-day affair, theater director Christopher Shailor is looking for some help.

He'll hold a mandatory meeting Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center for "everyone interested in participating in the drama festival."

According to Christine McCarthy, assistant to the director, specific talent or experience in theater or theater production would be helpful, but is not essential. Many jobs require simple training that the hosts will provide. The necessary time commitment also varies with some jobs requiring as little as a few hours.

For questions or more information, call Christine McCarthy at 475-4734 or send email to: collinsfest@aol.com.

he says. "It's going to be fantastic, because the Collins Center is the perfect place for it."

Shailor says both the state and New England festivals will be great learning experiences.

"We'll do the state festival this year, and it will definitely give them a chance to see some quality work," he says. "Then, the Andover students will basically be running the (New England) festival. The festival basically becomes a show in itself, to pull off a three-day festival like that."

All of the performances in the competition are straight plays, such as *The Firebugs* by Max Frisch, which Shailor selected for Andover.

"It was originally written as an absurdist piece, although I don't think we'll be playing it that way," he says. "The primary scenes will be playing fairly realistic. It talks about taking personal responsibility for events that happen, rather than just blaming them on fate."

In the play, a man invites arsonists into his home, and helps them move in their equipment.

"He sort of brings upon his own doom. It was written right after World War II, so there were some guilt issues being worked out," says Shailor. "I think there's a parallel with our culture. We keep feeding ourselves violence, and then are surprised we become desensitized to violence."

Instruments-R-them

'Australian monkey pod' just part of the show

Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly will present a concert of traditional American folk songs, Celtic ballads, original works, hymns and dance tunes at the Crossroads Coffeehouse, Saturday, Jan. 8.

Doors will open at 7:15 p.m., with a show at 8 p.m. The Crossroads is located in the basement of the North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

Tickets cost \$12. For more information call (978) 687-3960, or (978) 687-7948 after 5:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

Donnelly and Atwater blend unusual harmonies, play guitar, Appalachian mountain dulcimer, Irish tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, bones, spoons, Australian monkey pods, a toy xylophone, and other surprise instruments.

Their performance is geared to all ages, and audience participation is strongly encouraged. The two create a humorous and relaxed stage presence.

The self-taught musicians from



Out of the woods — Atwater (right) and Donnelly come indoors, to the Crossroads.

Rhode Island met as volunteers at the Stone Soup Coffeehouse in Providence in March 1987. They formed their duo that fall.

Since 1981, Atwater has been performing original songs of social commentary, as well as contemporary folk songs and traditional ballads.

Donnelly has been performing professionally since the age of 15, first in a rock band, then as a solo performer, and later in a Cambodian band. He also writes songs for voice, guitar, and harmonica.

Atwater and Donnelly released their fifth recording in 1997, *Where the Wild Birds Do Whistle*, a collection of Appalachian, Celtic, and original work distributed by Silo Music and chosen by WUMB-FM, Boston as one of only five 1997 releases for its Elite Club Christmas List.

Atwater also released her live children's recording, *Daily Growing: Aubrey Atwater Live in the Classroom*, in April 1999.

Sunday concert at library for soprano Andrea Loretz

Andrea Loretz, soprano, will perform Sunday, Jan. 9, at Memorial Hall Library at 3 p.m.

Loretz holds a master of music degree in opera performance from the Boston Conservatory, where she studied under vocal instructor Robert Honeysucker, and a bachelor's in German and German literature from Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y.

July 2000 will mark her debut with Operafest of New

Hampshire as Pamina in its production of Mozart's *Magic Flute*.

She recently performed in Operafest of New Hampshire's July 1999 performance of *Lucia Di Lammermoor*, and its Artist Showcase production, where she worked under the direction of Michael Johnson and Carlos Martinez.

Memorial Hall Library is located in the center of downtown Andover, in Elm Square.

At South Church

Boston Recorder Society plays back

The Boston Recorder Society's Performance Consort will provide special music for the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, Jan. 9, at South Church, 41 Central St.

Under the direction of Sheila Beardslee, eight members of the Boston Recorder Society will play five sizes of recorder - soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and great bass - in music for the prelude, offertory and postlude for the service.

Under South Church's director of music and organist Tamara Rozek, the ensemble will join the Sanctuary Choir

to perform motets by Pitoni and Gastoldi, two Italian Renaissance composers.

The Rev. Dr. Calvin Mutti, senior pastor, says community members are welcome to attend this service.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Katherine Kallis.

For further information or directions, call the church office at 475-0321.

The Boston Recorder Society offers coached ensembles at all levels, novice through advanced player.

The BRS Performance Consort, one of six consort classes sponsored by the BRS this season, was founded by Boston-area recorder teacher Sheila Beardslee in 1995 and has performed for more than 120 services at churches in downtown Boston, and other locations.

Performances have been heard on WCRB, WHRB and WGBH Radio, says a release.

The ensemble has performed at historic King's Chapel in downtown Boston, and at the Concord Museum.

Vocal help wanted

Sacred Choral Artists is seeking singers to add to its 35-member ensemble.

All parts are welcome. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7 p.m. in Haverhill.

For information, call director Sharon Carter at 683-7739.

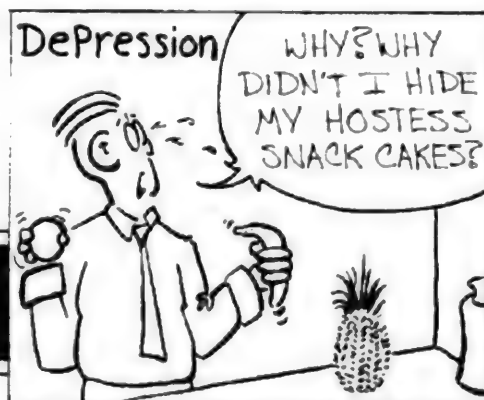
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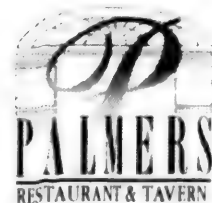
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Repertory Theatre on whole new 'Cloud'

Beginning Friday, Jan. 7, Merrimack Repertory Theatre will present the regional premiere of Jose Rivera's new play *Cloud Tectonics*, directed by David G. Kent.

This new piece previews will run through Feb. 6.

Tickets are available at the MRT box office, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, or by calling (978) 454-3926.

Cloud Tectonics is the fourth offering by Merrimack Rep. in its New Century Series, and provides the theater with the opportunity to take a provocative look into the future.

Cloud Tectonics takes place in Los Angeles, and tells the story of Celestina, a young woman caught in the midst of an apocalyptic storm and in search of her unborn baby's father, says the MRT. "Celestina is rescued from the elements by Anibal, who quickly discovers there is something different and strange about the woman. All the clocks in the house stop as she enters the room. It seems she exists in a world of love and out of time."

Ticket prices range from \$18.50 to \$32.50. Rush seats may be available at half price one hour prior to curtain.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, has been designated as Pay-What-You-Can Night. Fifty seats have been set aside and may be purchased for whatever amount customers feel they can afford. These tickets are limited to two per person and can only be purchased at the box office. Pay-What-You-Can tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 10.

Background

Playwright Rivera was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1955. His plays include *The House of Ramol Iglesia*, *The Promise*, *Each Day Dies With Sleep*, *Marisol*, *Giants Have Us In Their Books*, *Sonnets For An Old Century*, and *References To Salvador Dali Make Me Hot*.

Honors for *Marisol* include a 1993 Obie Award for Outstanding Play, six Drama-League Awards, the Susan Marton Award, a PEN West Dramatic Writing Award nomination, and a 1993 Joseph Kesselring Award.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Jan. 6

Breakfast seminar, sponsored by Marland Place, "How to Increase Your Energy by 300%," 9-10 a.m., 15 Stevens St.; RSVP by Jan. 3, Casey Barbaro 475-4225.

Information meeting, sponsored by Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society, seeking volunteers, 6 p.m., Have A Heart Animal Hospital 764 Broadway (Route 97) Haverhill; (978) 462-0760.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox, Greg Boggis, Walter Dixon, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Comedy Palace, featuring Carl Yard, 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, Jan. 8

Concert, featuring Atwater and Donnelly, 8 p.m., \$12, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road; 687-3960.

Comedy Escape, see Friday, Jan. 7, entry.

Comedy Palace, featuring Carl Yard, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see Friday, Jan. 7, entry.

SUNDAY, Jan. 9

Auditions, sponsored by Colonial Chorus Players, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, 7 p.m., Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading; Tom Coffin (781) 245-1488 or Mary Ryan (781) 324-4475.

Concert, sponsored by South Church, featuring Boston Recorder Society's Performance Consort, 10:30 a.m. service, 41 Central St.; 475-0321.

Concert, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, featuring soprano Andrea Loretz, 3 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8401.



Soprano Loretz - Making noise at the library.

MONDAY, Jan. 10

Auditions, Exsultet!, a chamber choir, experienced singers, wheelchair accessible, 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage (781) 329-1741.

New mom's coffee, sponsored by The Mother Connection of Andover/North Andover, babies welcome, refreshments, 8 p.m., First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; 738-0784.

Meeting, Andover High School Parent Advisory Council, 7 p.m., media center, Shawsheen Road; Diane Hender 470-0869.

TUESDAY, Jan. 11

Year 2000 luncheon, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, featuring talk by diet technician at New England Rehab Hospital, singer Alma Towne, speaker Bill Blount, owner of three radio stations, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$14, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Route 133; Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the Chris Neville Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12

Talk, sponsored by Parent To Parent, featuring Ross W. Greene, Ph.D., discussing a new approach [CALENDAR continued on page 26]

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Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Wenham Museum, *Les Petites Dames de Mode*, through Jan 9; *Wenham Ice Industry*, through February, *What's Next: Artist's View of the Next Millennium*, through Feb. 6 *Please Be Seated: Fine Furni-*

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American Textile History Museum, Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen, through March 12, 2000, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7, seniors, students, group members; free for children under 6, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.



A dress to remember — Deborah Kerr's dress from 1957's *Affair to Remember* is among those at the Textile Museum.

Meetings/Activities

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; (978) 251-3329 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; (978) 256-9391 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon 12 step meeting, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. William's Church, Route 38, Tewksbury; (978) 256-9391.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 687-8225. BNI Business Network

International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna (978) 640-8919 or Steve (978) 975-1328.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; J. J. Zamierowski (603) 382-0123.

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Exsultet, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage (781) 329-1741.

Kenoza TOPS, for people interested in losing weight, Thursday meetings, 6-6:30 p.m., \$1 weekly dues, Haverhill Alliance Church; Shirley (978) 373-1825, Charlene (978) 346-4018 or Carol (603) 382-6146.

Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 3135.

Memorial Hall Library, book discussion every fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Activity Room, Elm Square; Nan Stevens 683-7377.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Dawn Kraskey 749-9558; or Beth Friedberg 794-7660.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Becky Christie (978) 745-8340 or Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Country-western dancing, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance

lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, four weeks of free group vocal lessons, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 7 p.m. Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62; (978) 851-7764.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3480.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

The Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, 7p.m. Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover; Roger Dumont (603) 894-6693 or Liz Anderson 474-9283.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown (508) 877-1827.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 465-2215.

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Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and skill levels welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori (978) 794-1973.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers play-space for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; 470-1500.

Newburyport Choral Society rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb

streets, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650.

New Beginnings, interfaith singles support group, directed by Camille Gianaris, MDiv., of Andover, Wednesdays, Christ Church United in Lowell, 1 Bartlett St., Lowell; (978) 459-9631.

North Reading Community Chorale invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; (978) 664-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, forming adult choral group to sing show tunes and classic popular songs, Wilmington High School Auditorium, Route 62, Wilmington; 681-0355.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, welcomes women over 18, rehearsals every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732 or Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

North Shore Singles, dances Thursday, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, singles ages 35-55, 8 p.m.-midnight, Andover Street Grille, 356 Andover St., Route 114, Danvers; (978) 777-4400.

Pre-Alateen, for ages 6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 250 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Renew, bereavement support group of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, (978) 459-9343, Ext. 783.

Sacred Choral Artists, performs sacred music throughout the ages, Mondays, 7 p.m., Haverhill; Sharon Carter (978) 683-7739.

Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 688-0030.

Single Eights Square Dance Club, 6 p.m., \$5 donation, First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue and Route 125, North Andover; Carol (978) 851-7876.

Smoking cessation classes, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Holy Family Hospital Board Room, 70 East St., Methuen; 687-0156, ext. 2720.

Sons of Norway, Morgensolen #545, meets the second Friday of the month, September-May, Masonic Temple, Beverly; Valerie C. Faxon (978) 462-2439.

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Peabody Essex Museum, *The Real Witchcraft Papers, The Saltonstall Family Portraits, A Folk Art Sampler*, all ongoing, *Odyssey: A Journey Into World Art*, through fall 2001, *Gold Coast Treasures*, through Jan. 31, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Wenham Museum, *Les Petites Dames de Mode*, through Jan 9; *Wenham Ice Industry*, through February, *What's Next: Artist's View of the Next Millennium*, through Feb. 6 *Please Be Seated: Fine Furni-*

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ture Making in America, Jan. 22-April 16, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap accessible, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

American Textile History Museum, Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen, through March 12, 2000, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7, seniors, students, group members; free for children under 6, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.



A dress to remember — Deborah Kerr's dress from 1957's *Affair to Remember* is among those at the Textile Museum.

Meetings/Activities

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; (978) 251-3329 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; (978) 256-9391 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon 12 step meeting, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. William's Church, Route 38, Tewksbury; (978) 256-9391.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 687-8225.

BNI Business Network

International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna (978) 640-8919 or Steve (978) 975-1328.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; J. J. Zamierowski (603) 382-0123.

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage (781) 329-1741.

Kenoza TOPS, for people interested in losing weight, Thursday meetings, 6-6:30 p.m., \$1 weekly dues, Haverhill Alliance Church; Shirley (978) 373-1825, Charlene (978) 346-4018 or Carol (603) 382-6146.

Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 3135.

Memorial Hall Library, book discussion every fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Activity Room, Elm Square; Nan Stevens 683-7377.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Dawn Kraskey 749-9558; or Beth Friedberg 794-7660.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Becky Christie (978) 745-8340 or Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Country-western dancing, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance

lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, four weeks of free group vocal lessons, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 7 p.m. Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62; (978) 851-7764.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3480.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

The Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, 7p.m. Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover; Roger Dumont (603) 894-6693 or Liz Anderson 474-9283.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown (508) 877-1827.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 465-2215.

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Reading; (978) 851-7764.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and skill levels welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori (978) 794-1973.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers play-space for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; 470-1500.

Newburyport Choral Society rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb

streets, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650.

New Beginnings, interfaith singles support group, directed by Camille Gianaris, MDiv., of Andover, Wednesdays, Christ Church United in Lowell, 1 Bartlett St., Lowell; (978) 459-9631.

North Reading Community Chorale invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; (978) 664-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, forming adult choral group to sing show tunes and classic popular songs, Wilmington High School Auditorium, Route 62, Wilmington; 681-0355.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, welcomes women over 18, rehearsals every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732 or Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

North Shore Singles, dances Thursday, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, singles ages 35-55, 8 p.m.-midnight, Andover Street Grille, 356 Andover St., Route 114, Danvers; (978) 777-4400.

Pre-Alateen, for ages 6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Renew, bereavement support group of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, (978) 459-9343, Ext. 783.

Sacred Choral Artists, performs sacred music throughout the ages, Mondays, 7 p.m., Haverhill; Sharon Carter (978) 683-7739.

Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 688-0030.

Single Eights Square Dance Club, 6 p.m., \$5 donation, First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue and Route 125, North Andover; Carol (978) 851-7876.

Smoking cessation classes, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Holy Family Hospital Board Room, 70 East St., Methuen; 687-0156, ext. 2720.

Sons of Norway, Morgensolen #545, meets the second Friday of the month, September-May, Masonic Temple, Beverly; Valerie C. Faxon (978) 462-2439.

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Festive meeting — At the Village Garden Club meeting last month are, from left, Andrea Kalil, Cyndy Madden, Sally Shirazi, Nancy Hurlin and Cathy Henderson.



From left are Cathy Dymek, Nancy Hurlin and Susan Dietzel.

Village Garden Club celebrates at its December meeting

The Village Garden Club of Andover held its December meeting at the home of Sally Shirazi.

A brief meeting was followed by a Christmas party and gift swap. Shirazi is a floral designer and her home was filled with Christmas arrangements.

Hostesses Cathy Henderson, Andrea Kalil, Cyndy Madden, Rita Delollis and Nancy Hurlin provided delicious goodies, organizers said.

There was also eggnog and coffee with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

AARP talk's focus is on health care delivery problems, and the need for Medicare reform

Shawn W. McKallagat, pharmacist-owner of Letourneau's Pharmacy of Andover, will speak at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Andover-North Andover Chapter of AARP at 1:30 p.m. His talk will address the continuing urgent problems of delivering health care that consumers are experiencing, and the need for urgent changes in Medicare before it goes bankrupt, before insurance firms and non-profit HMOs are forced out of business because of uncontrollable, surging medical costs.

He will discuss why prescription drugs are sometimes cheaper in other countries, and will take questions from the audience.

Regular meetings of this local affiliate of national AARP are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Andover Senior Center at Whittier Court. A social period with refreshments and the speaker follow a short business meeting.

Third annual Cigar Night charity event is Jan. 27

The Exchange Club of Lawrence will hold its third annual Cigar Night on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

The evening will include a prime rib dinner, raffle prizes and cigars. Walter MacSki will entertain with his bagpipes and wit, and offer a sample of his "favorite beverage."

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased by calling Rick Blain (749-7303), Mike Christensen (738-1704), or by contacting any Exchange Club member.

The Exchange Club of Lawrence was established in 1947. The organization's efforts are directed toward supporting crime prevention, fire safety, education and scholarships, strengthening youth and honoring their success, the "unsung heroes" of the community, citizenship and patriotism.

The Exchange Club National Project focuses upon child-abuse prevention, an effort in which the Lawrence group is very involved.

Breast cancer support group local meetings

A breast cancer support group meets the second Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Christ Church, 25 Central St. Call 475-5094.

Bean supper planned at Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Parish will hold a bean supper Saturday, Jan. 22, from 4

to 6:30 p.m. at its parish hall at 321 South Broadway, Lawrence. The hall is handicap accessible. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Red Cross of the Merrimack Valley seeking volunteers

The American Red Cross of Merrimack Valley is seeking volunteers for its Disaster Action Team (DAT). The Red Cross helps disaster victims with food, clothing, shelter and emergency medical attention. Volunteers are also needed as health and safety instructors, fundraising, and clerical work. Call Betty Kirk at 683-2465 or (978) 372-6871.

Shawsheen PTO seeks memories for cookbook

The Shawsheen School PTO is preparing a cookbook to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Shawsheen School. The cookbook committee is collecting fond memories including anecdotes from alumni.

Any alumnus or alumna who would like to contribute to the cookbook should submit their memories in writing to these addresses:

By e-mail to: tmurphy@andoverpublicschools.com; or in writing to: Shawsheen School, 18 Magnolia Ave., Andover, 01810.

Deadline for submissions is Saturday, Jan. 8.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

'Lifestyle By Design' cable show

Lifestyle By Design, a new Andover local-access cable show, is looking for seniors interested in being part of a live audience Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. Guests will be Bettyanne MacCormac, author of *Never Too Old to Feel Good*, and neurologist Dr. Matthew Gold. Reservations are not necessary. Just enter the MediaOne studio via Andover High School's Collins Center entrance.

Reiki clinic

A weekly Reiki clinic is run by Marianne Quirk, R.N. Reiki is an ancient healing tech-

nique that can help reduce stress, improve immune system functioning, and assist in the body's self-healing. It is recognized and used in many traditional health-care settings and hospitals. A one-half hour treatment is \$15. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

Men's breakfast

All senior men are invited to this month's breakfast Friday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 a.m. Michelle Lunceford, a former guide from the Stone Zoo, will discuss the destruction of the rainforests and the effect on plant and animal life. A live presentation will include a close-up look at some rainforest animals, including a blue tongue skink, monitor lizard, African gray parrot, and black-and-white tegu. Call the center

to make a reservation.

Movie matinee

The comedy film, *The Money Pit*, starring Tom Hanks and Shelly Long, will be shown Monday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. After being evicted from their Manhattan apartment, the couple buy the house of their dreams, only to find it's a house of money-eating horrors. Everyone is welcome. The Senior Center shows the videos courtesy of Andover Video.

Brown bag lunch and lecture

Travel with Diane Butler as she presents a slide and lecture entitled "Redwood and Sequoia Journey" Wednesday, Jan. 26, at noon. Butler, who specializes in nature photography, will share her trip

through this magnificent part of the country. Reservations would be appreciated. Bring a bag lunch, the center will supply dessert and beverage.

Friday forum/safe driving program

A free, hour-long presentation by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Friday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m. will consist of a multimedia presentation, safety tips, questions and answers, and information on how to obtain a handicap plate or placard. Call the center if you would like to attend.

Computer classes winter session

Registration for the winter session of computer classes will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Friday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Classes for beginners and novices, Internet training, word processing and PrintShop will be offered. For more information, call Merle Schreurs at 475-8450.

Computer seminar

The Senior Center and Memorial Hall will cosponsor a free computer seminar Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the library. The seminar is geared towards those with little or no experience and will cover computer components, terms and programs such as data management and word processing. The demonstration will be on a large projection screen for easy viewing. Registration is not required.

BIRTHS

BARENBOIM - A son, Alexander Robert, born to Thomas and Kori (Estes) Barenboim of 14 Karlton Circle on Dec. 15 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Phyllis Barenboim of Highland Beach, Fla., and Gordon and Edith Estes of Beverly Farms.

CAMBRIA - A daughter, Samantha Diane, born to Steven and Cynthia (Sherry) Cambria of Stoneham on Dec. 14 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Diane and Colin Sherry of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Cambria of Stoneham.

DENONCOURT - A daughter, Cailey Moy, born to Jeff and Linda Denoncourt of 12 Abbot Bridge Drive on Dec. 12.

KRAMER - A daughter, Lauren Mary, born to Robert and Sharon (Gagnon) Kramer of 15 Partridge Hill Road on Nov. 25 at Holy Family Hospital and Med-

ical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Nancy and Donald Kramer of Andover and Connie and Red Gagnon of Boynton Beach, Fla. Lauren has two brothers, Thomas and Alexander.

MCCARTHY - A daughter, Susan Elizabeth, born to Paul and Jane (McLarney) McCarthy of Westwood on Dec. 22. Grandparents are Barbara and Cornelius McLarney of Andover and Claire and John McCarthy of Westwood. Susan has twin brothers, Matthew and Sean.

MCLEOD - A son, William Randolph, born to James and Julie (Grant) McLeod of 229 Andover St. on Dec. 21 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Don and Ruth Grant of Boston, Peggy McLeod of Andover and Jim McLeod of Haverhill. William has a sibling, Allison.

MORRIS - A daughter, Jennifer Leigh, born to Victor and Diane Morris of

Andover on Dec. 29 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia Feller of Flemington, N.J., Terry Gates of Novi, Mich., and Shelby and Nancy Morris of Hempstead, Texas. Great-grandfather is Shelby Morris Sr. of Hempstead, Texas. Jennifer has a brother, Brian.

O'NEILL - A son, Matthew Joseph, born to Kenneth and Lynne (Pelliccione) O'Neill of Lowell on Nov. 12 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Theresa Pelliccione of Andover and the late Mary and John O'Neill. Matthew has two brothers, James, 8, and Andrew, 5.

PHLEGER - A son, Matthew, born to Paul and Aimee (Damon) Phleger of Methuen on Dec. 10 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Glenn and Diane Damon and Carol and Phil Phleger, all of Andover. Matthew has a brother, Michael.

RIGOLI - A

daughter, Julia Lauren Patricia, born to Richard and Lisa (Martin) Rigoli of Spencer Court on Nov. 23 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Alice Martin of Webster and Nellie and Charles Rigoli of Methuen. Julia has a brother, Christopher.

SEERO - A daughter, Elizabeth Darlin, born to Dana J. and Kathleen (Kelliher) Seero of Boston on Dec. 2, at New England Medical Center in Boston. Grandparents are Shirley Seero of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelliher of St. Augustine, Fla.

SHERMAN - A daughter, Kelly Ann, born to Scott and Kathleen (O'Donnell) Sherman of 25 Iron Gate Drive on Nov. 28 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Ann J. O'Donnell of Melrose and Eleanor Sherman of Orchard Park, N.Y. Kelly has a brother, Matthew, 2½.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Cannon Moved to Andover in 1987

Dorothy (Roth) Cannon, 86, of Andover died Monday, Dec. 27, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Cannon was born in Baltimore, Md., and raised and educated in Maryland. She was a graduate of Mont DeSales School of Nursing near Baltimore.

After marrying the late Raymond J. Cannon Sr., she moved to New York.

Mrs. Cannon moved to Andover in 1987. She was a member of St. Augustine Church and supported St. Augustine Building of Faith Community Campaign.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond J. and Dr. Joan B. Cannon Jr. of Andover; daughter and son-in-law, Valerie C. and Dr. Lawrence Kistler of Needham; brother, Henry Roth; sister, Mary Holden, both of Catonsville, Md.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Friday in St. Augustine Church. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Building of

Faith Community, 43 Essex St., Andover 01810.

Agnes B. Flint Cross Born and educated in Lynn

Agnes B. (Ashton) Flint Cross, 93, of 15 Stevens St. died Thursday, Dec. 30, at North Shore Hospital in Peabody.

Mrs. Cross was born and educated in Lynn and was a member of Lynnfield Community Church.

Members of her family include her nieces, Grace (Mutru) Bernardin of Andover and Donna (Ashton) Cunningham of South Meriden, Conn.; and nephew, Kenneth Ashton of Englewood, Fla.

She was the widow of Lester Flint and Perely Cross and mother of the late Urban Flint.

Graveside services were held Thursday at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Ed Doherty AHS grad was longtime football coach

Ed Doherty, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 2, in Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. Doherty came out of Andover High in the late 1930s and, for financial reasons, went to work at Tyer Rubber in Lawrence for a couple of years.

He then went to St. John's Prep and honed his football skills playing with a tough semi-pro league in Lawrence. He eventually received an invitation to Boston College from coach Frank Leahy when B.C. was a national football power. He quarterbacked from 1941 to 1943, with the '43 team playing in the Orange Bowl.

After a stint with the Navy, Mr. Doherty went back to football and coached under such greats as Leahy, Vince Lombardi and George Halas.

He head coached at a half dozen colleges, including Arizona State, from 1947 to 1950. His teams went to the Salad Bowl in 1949 and 1950 and he is in the Arizona State Hall of Fame.

His coaching stints included the University of Rhode Island, Xavier University, Andover High and Lawrence High. At the pro level, he was backfield coach for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Members of his family include his wife and nine children.

Ruth Grossman Lived here for 30 years

Ruth (Piltch) Grossman, 74, of Salem, N.H., died Thursday, Dec. 30, at Salemhaven Nursing Home.

Mrs. Grossman was born and educated in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High. She lived in Lynn for 20 years and in Andover for 30 years.

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Deaths Elsewhere

FINN - Raymond T. Finn, 77, of Salem, N.H., died Monday, Jan. 3, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Mr. Finn was a member of the Lanam Club.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth D. and Steven Burdeau of Andover.

HYDE - Marie S. Hyde, 93, died Friday, Dec. 31, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Beverly.

Members of her family include her nephew, the Rev. Richard L. Foley, Order of St. Augustine, of St. Augustine Parish.

Mrs. Grossman was a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover and a lifetime member of its Hadassah and Sisterhood.

Members of her family include her husband, Edward Grossman of Salem, N.H.; daughters and sons-in-law, Harriet and Peter Limbeck, also of Salem, Joyce and Brian Swedberg of Gardner and Linda and Dennis

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At the Andover 2000 Millennium celebration last Friday night, Alexander Miller, 5, of Andover, has his face painted by Susannah Valleau of Troop 769. Below, Bryce Davidson, 8, and Sue Hsieh of Andover make Pokémon figures. [More Millennium celebration photos on pages 1, 8, 17.]

Photos by Carol Van Doren



OBITUARIES

Ruth Grossman

Bebar of Haverhill; sisters, Eve Glick of Brookline, Celia Primack of Haverhill and Ida Goldberg of Lowell; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Temple Emanu-El Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill/Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. South, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016-8804; or to American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

Richard D. Sullivan

Chemical engineer; volunteer and umpire for Andover Little League

Richard D. Sullivan, 52, of Andover died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at his home.

Mr. Sullivan was born Aug. 8, 1947 in Boston.

He served in the US Navy Submarine Corps. He was employed as a chemical engineer.

Mr. Sullivan was a volunteer and umpire for Andover Little League.

He attended St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury.

Members of his family include his wife, Christine M. (Scott) Sullivan of Andover; three sons, Jonathan, David and Richard Sullivan, all of Andover; his mother, Esther C. Sullivan of West Roxbury; six brothers and sisters, William Sullivan of Plymouth, Edward Sullivan of Dedham, his twin sister Dorothy Driscoll of West Roxbury, and Esther McGurk, James Sullivan and Charles Sullivan, all of West Roxbury; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Theresa's Church, Centre Street, West Roxbury.

Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Church, West Roxbury.

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Temple Emanuel celebrating millennium with a gala musical premiere Jan. 21

Temple Emanuel will join 39 other synagogues and temples across America in presenting a Sabbath eve musical service to be premiered in Andover by Cantor Donn Rosensweig and the Temple Emanuel Children's Chorus.

The service, entitled "L'maaseih V'reisheet - To Recreate the World," composed by Michael Isaacson, will be simultaneously premiered across America and Canada Friday evening, Jan. 21, corresponding to Shabbat Shirah - the Sabbath of Song by Temple Emanuel and other participating co-commissioners.

Isaacson, a Los Angeles composer known for his television and feature film music, is considered one of America's leading composers of Jewish music. He is the music director of the Israel Pops Orchestra, composer/conductor of the permanent exhibition music at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City,

and a Ph.D. in composition from Eastman School of Music.

The one-hour musical work is the largest Jewish musical co-commissioning in American history by coalition of Conservative, Reform, and reconstructionist Jewry, organizers said.

"To Recreate the World" sets new musical standard in American Jewish worship. At its Jan. 21 premiere, the children and their cantors will sing to a prerecorded CD-ROM that contains the elaborate orchestral and adult choral accompaniment. This technology enables live voices to be accompanied by an expanded pallet of instrumental and choral forces, which for financial reasons have not been available to most synagogues and temples before. It marks a new direction in the performance of 21st century Jewish music.

To attend, call Cantor Rosensweig at 470-1356.

BIRTHS

SIEVERS A son, Samuel Peter, born to Anthony and Theresa (Dunn) Sievers of Andover on Aug. 30 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Robert and Dorothy Dunn of Bedford, Louis Anthony Sievers of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mary J. Walker of Martinsburg, W. Va. Sam has two brothers, Nichols, 10, and Joseph, 7.

SMITH - A son, Zachary Murdoch, born to Christopher and

Maureen (Murdoch) Smith of 17 Burnham Road on Dec. 7, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Helen Murdoch of North Andover, Donald Smith of Branford, Conn., and Virginia Light of Melbourne, Fla. Zachary has two siblings, Abby and Ethan.

VEIT - A daughter, Bethany Kim, born Feb. 14 in Seoul, South Korea, and adopted by Alan and Krista (Hering) Veit of Methuen. Grandparents are Howard and Jackie Hering of Andover and Eunice Veit of Methuen. Bethany has a sibling, Austen, 2½.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Chamber presents annual managers, mayors breakfast

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will present the seventh annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast Friday, Jan. 14, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Andover Country Club.

Town managers **Reginald Stapczynski** of Andover and **Robert Halpin** of North Andover and mayors **Patricia Dowling** of Lawrence, **Sharon Pollard** of Methuen, **Nicholas Costello** of Amesbury, **James Rurak** of Haverhill, **Eileen Donoghue** of Lowell and **Lisa Mead** of Newburyport will attend. **Steve Lambert**, editor of the Lawrence *Eagle Tribune*, will be the guest moderator.

The cost of \$15 includes a full breakfast buffet.

The Chamber will co-sponsor "A New Millennium" marketing mixer with Red Tavern and Methuen Co-operative Bank Tuesday, Jan. 11. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Red Tavern, 5 Pleasant St., Methuen.

The evening will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages, display tables, and a raffle for door prizes. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$10 for two.

For more information or reservations for these events, call the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 686-0900.

Gresh makes it into Vital Speeches

Gresh & Company announces that on Jan. 1, 2000, *Vital Speeches of the Day* published the third speech written by Dr. **Sean Gresh** for the company's executive clients in the past 12 months.

"Our company is a PR Keiretsu, or a family of affiliated companies," said Gresh.

"Gresh & Company fills a niche by providing communications counsel and writing support to CEOs and other senior executives. Having our clients nationally recognized in a journal that regularly publishes speeches by CEOs and world leaders is especially gratifying."

The three speeches were written for high-tech executives on the subject of e-business, the Internet, and Information Technology outsourcing.

"Other members of the Keiretsu include Arthur McCabe & Associates, a law firm specializing in business development, and Andover Strategic Alliances, a government relations firm headed by **Robert LaRochelle**, a former senior



Sean Gresh

Doing good environmental business

It is generally no great surprise when environmental and business interests collide. What is a bit more unusual is when a business finds a profitable niche by improving and salvaging environmental trouble spots.

And that has been the case for an Andover man for the past decade. **Eli Levine**, a partner in a Boston-based company called Brownfields Recovery Corp., is interested, just like everybody else, in making a living. But he says he also "wanted to do something good for the environment, and good for cities and towns as well."

And a combination of his science, engineering and real estate background, along with some changes in environmental law during the past decade, have made that possible.

Brownfields Recovery buys polluted properties, cleans them up and returns them to productive use — frequently for industrial or commercial purposes. In many cases, they are not clean enough for residential or school use, but they can be safely used for business.

One such property is in Andover, at 44 Lowell Junction Road, site of the former Vaco operation, which made foam used for car seats.

That property was cleaned and had been leased to a pallet-manufacturing company called DuraSkid, "but they ran into some problems with their Canadian partners, and went out of business. So the property is available for lease again," Levine says.

Actually, all the expertise in the world wouldn't have made things like this feasible, had it not been for the changes in state law governing the cleanup of polluted properties.

Until 1993, land that was seriously polluted wasn't worth cleaning up, in many cases, because the cost of the cleanup would be far greater than the value of the land itself. Such properties were labeled as having "negative value."

That is still true, in some cases, Levine says. "But there were three major things that changed (in the law). First, the state privatized the assessment and cleanup of these properties. Prior to that, everything that was done had to be approved by the DEP (state Department of Environmental Protection). That was a very cumbersome process, so essentially not much was getting done."

"Now, the state licenses people to



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Check it out — Eli Levine, of Brownfields Recovery Corp., stands in front of the building at 44 Lowell Junction Road. The formerly polluted site is now available for lease.

do that, called licensed site professionals (LSP). It's analogous to being an architect. The state doesn't design every bridge it builds, but it does license people to do it. And we have an LSP on our staff."

The second thing the state did was limit the liability on cleaning up properties. While it is still true that whoever owns the land owns the problem, and "we have been paid in some cases to take property, it does help to have defined end points of liability," Levine says.

Third is the allowance of what is called a "risk-based cleanup," which means the property only has to be cleaned to the point where it is safe for the intended future use. "Not everything has to be cleaned to residential standards," Levine says.

Along with that have come advances in technology that Levine says progresses about as fast as advances in the computer industry. "This field is changing all the time," he says. "People are developing (molecular) bugs that will eat this stuff (pollution)," which then makes it easier and more effective to remove toxic chemicals.

Still, in many cases, Levine says the only way to "clean" a site is to remove a lot of the polluted earth, and then bring in clean fill.

Levine says Brownfields has done nine projects so far, and currently holds a real estate portfolio worth \$100 million. The company employs

12 people, and is looking to expand beyond Massachusetts, with the help of a new, high-profile executive vice president, former federal EPA regional administrator **John DeVillars**.

"His role will be to help us find and close deals," Levine says, "and also to find innovative environmental technologies."

One of the company's goals, he says, is to do more work in urban areas such as Boston, Lynn, Lowell and Lawrence, which he hopes will help bring jobs to those areas.

"We did one project in East Hampton," he says, "out in western Massachusetts where the economy is really terrible and unemployment is quite high. We bought a contaminated mill building, cleaned it up and have leased it to the Salvation Army. They're using it as a center to sort things, so it's bringing jobs to the region."

Closer to home, Brownfields is close to completing the rehabilitation of the old Borden Plastic site in North Andover, across from the Butcher Boy Plaza. Levine says it will be a multi-tenant, high-tech warehouse building. "This was a typical 30-year-old, functionally obsolete and contaminated building," he says, "and we hope that by bringing it back, we can increase the local tax base."

"The risks in this business can be great," he says, "but the rewards can be great as well."

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BUSINESS

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Local nursing home presents award to VNA

Marland Place of Andover recently awarded Home Health VNA a certificate of recognition for its "outstanding commitment to high quality care and compassion" to the residents they serve at Marland Place.

Home Health VNA is working with Marland Place to bridge the gap in home care services for residents who sometimes need short-term skilled nursing care. Because of the quality of care provided to residents, Marland Place decided to honor Home Health VNA's team of nurses, therapists, social workers and home health aides with a certificate of appreciation.

According to Joanne Souza, director of marketing at Marland Place, working with Home Health VNA offers an additional service to assisted living residents.

"Residents receive the quality skilled care they require and the care is provided efficiently and conveniently," said Souza. "Both residents and family members take comfort in the additional services offered to help resolve a short-term illness in the comfort of their home."

Assisted living at Marland Place offers residents services including three meals a day, personal care, social and cultural programs and nurses on staff 24 hours a day. However, like all assisted living residences in Massachusetts, state guidelines restrict services that Marland Place staff nurses can provide. If a resident requires short-term skilled nursing care, such as after an illness, or a new diagnosis — such as diabetes — care must be provided by a visiting nurse. To ensure that all residents receive the care they need, a team of professionals from Home Health VNA work at Marland Place seven days a week.

According to Home Health VNA nurse Laurene Baker, providing care to residents at one central location is "the best of both worlds. I love being a visiting nurse. I treat patients in the comfort of their own homes and at Marland Place I can provide that care without ever having to go outside."

The relationship between Marland Place has also benefited Home Health VNA. According to Karen Walsh, liaison manager at Home Health VNA, visiting nurses typically care for approximately six or seven patients a day



Photo by Karrie Eaton

Thanks — Posing with an award given to Home Health VNA by Marland Place are, from left, Karen Walsh, RN, liaison manager for Home Health; Joanne Souza, director of marketing at Marland; Kelley A. MacDonald, RN, director of residential care at Marland; Laurene P. Baker, RN, visiting nurse from Home Health; and Judy Wilton, home health aide from Home Health.

because of the time spent commuting from city to city and home to home. Because nurses are usually stationed at Marland Place, they can treat more patients in a day and spend more time with them. "Assisted living residents are free to choose any VNA when they need skilled nursing or rehabilitation services," said Walsh. "However, Marland Place residents have gotten to know and like the Home Health VNA team. They feel comfortable and confide in them."

Home Health VNA is a not-for-profit, United Way member agency affiliated with Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare Inc. The three agencies serve more than 50 communities from their offices in Lawrence, Haverhill and Lowell. For more information about this program, call Karen Walsh at (978) 552-4176.

Family Service adds new board members

Family Service Inc. of Lawrence and Andover announced the addition of 15 new members to its board of directors

and advisory board of directors:

New members of the board of directors of **Pedro L. Arce** of Lawrence, **Virginia F. Cascino** of North Andover, **Melissa Daher** of Haverhill and the **Rev. Mark R.P. Welch Jr.** and **Noni Young** of Andover.

New members of the advisory board of directors are **Yadira Betances** of Methuen, **Maura E. Caffrey Smith Esq.** of Melrose, **Christopher H. Corbett** and **Patricia H. Edmonds** of Andover, **Alcira Marin Kane** of Plaistow, N.H., **Connie LeMaitre** of Andover, **John F. McGarry** of North Andover, **Dr. John B. Nelson** of Cambridge, **Daniel Rivera** of Lawrence and **Carol Woolf** of Lexington.

"Family Service will benefit from their diverse experience and knowledge," said **Kay Frishman**, executive director.

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Sports

AHS girls gymnastics, basketball teams looking powerful

By Rick Harrison

Sophomore sensation Kristen Elmore placed first in three events as the Andover High girls gymnastics team began its quest for a state title with an impressive 133.20 to 125.50 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual-meet triumph over host Billerica.

"The final score was a pleasant surprise because we weren't going all-out for a big number," said coach Julie Chapman. "When we do go for it, and everyone hits, that score could really be something incredible."

The Andover High girls basketball team, remaining the lone undefeated squad in the Merrimack Valley Conference, rolled to a 51-18 inter-division victory over Lawrence to improve to 7-0 overall.

The news wasn't all good for the Lady Warrior hoopsters, however, as talented junior guard Lisa Tisbert was diagnosed with mononucleosis and could be lost for the season.

"She's out indefinitely," confirmed coach Jim Tildsley about his ace backcourt starter. "Lisa is a big cog for us and it's going to be tougher without her."

"We'll have to wait and see what her doctor and parents say but she could be out for the duration."

Both AHS track teams produced some outstanding performances as they pounded Dracut in the final Merrimack Valley Conference inter-division meets of the season — the girls remaining unbeaten with their lopsided tri-

umph.

The Golden Warrior boys swim and dive team broke into the victory column, trimming Merrimack Valley Conference rival Haverhill 97-85 behind a solid individual effort from junior John D'Ambrosio who placed first in two individual events and swam the lead leg on a victorious relay.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The auspicious varsity debut of Kristen Elmore featured wins on the uneven bars (9.2 score), balance beam (8.55) and in floor exercise (8.7) as Andover cruised to the easy triumph over host Billerica.

Andover did not enter an all-around competitor so Elmore did not vault.

Sophomore veteran Becky Hass also did well with a second on bars (9.05), third on beam (8.3) and third in floor (8.6).

Schedule

AHS returns to action tonight with its opening home meet against Wilmington (0-2) at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.), and next Monday the locals travel to Chelmsford (7 p.m.).

Andover 133.20
Billerica 125.50

Capt. Krit Kearins contributed a second place in the vault (8.4), won by Billerica's Kim Dulong, and she tied for fourth on beam (8.2).

The other top-four finisher for AHS was junior newcomer Renee Fung with an 8.2 for third place in the vault.

Also competing in two events each were sophomore Bahaar Massihzadegan, who scored 7.8 on bars and 8.1 in floor, and freshman Sheri Bernstein with an 8.45 on bars and 8.3 in floor.

Freshman Lisa Vallera registered a 7.1 on bars, while also competing in floor were junior Capt. Maureen Lothrop (7.2) and sophomore veteran Tristina Carlson (6.9).

Others performing on beam were sophomore Jackie Barry (7.8), freshman Grace Farnham (7.8) and freshman Amy Palmieri (6.6).

Completing the vaulters were junior Kaitlin Doyle (7.9), sophomore Meri Rawlinson (7.65), junior Katie McKain (7.5) and sophomore Carolyn Purcell (7.0).

"We had several breaks in our beam routines," said coach Chapman. "But aside from that everyone did a great job. We got 16 kids up, including a lot of newcomers, and that's always a good feeling."

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High boys indoor track team broke into the win column, as Charles Murnane posted a double victory in the hurdles and high jump, while the AHS girls rolled on undefeated as both hammered Dracut in Merrimack Valley Conference crossover meets.

The Golden Warrior boys (1-2) belted the Middies, 71-15, and the girls (3-0) crushed Dracut, 77-9, in duals at the AHS Field House.

Schedule

The locals returned to conference action yesterday against vis-

Swift a welcome sight in the team's locker room

Andover High senior hockey Capt. Jason Swift, lost for the season after suffering a ruptured spleen in the Golden Warriors' first scrimmage game against Bishop Guertin early last month, was a welcome sight in the team's locker room following a 5-3 loss to Beverly in the Lowell Christmas Festival at Tsongas Arena.

"We had expected to see Jason at the game the previous day (against Nashua), but he wasn't at the arena," said AHS head coach Bill Cullen.

"He came to the Beverly game and afterward in the locker room he was showing everyone the scar from his operation."

Swift suffered a torn artery after a collision in the Guertin scrimmage, experienced pain on the drive home, and shortly after arriving at his house he passed out. He was rushed to Mass. General Hospital, where emergency surgery was performed.

"Jason was confined to his house for awhile after being released from the hospital," said Cullen. "It was great to see him back joking around with his teammates."

Swift was also expected to return to classes this week.

iting Haverhill in the first MVC Division 1 meet for both schools.

Andover competes in a conference Freshman/Sophomore Meet today at Lowell's Riddick Memorial Field House, and travels to Roxbury on Saturday for the annual State Class B Relays at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center (2 p.m.).

Andover boys 71 Dracut 15

Capt. Charles Murnane was again dominant with first place finishes in both the 50-yard high hurdles (6.6 seconds) and the high jump (6'0").

Andover won nine of the 10 events and swept the 1000, two-mile and shot put.

Other individual victors were senior sprinters Mike Giles (50 dash, 5.9) and Chad Mongeau (300 dash, personal-best 35.9), senior

Capt. Terrance Fitzsimmons (600 run, 1:22.9), senior Capt. Greg Stamm (1000 run, 2:36.1), senior miler Brian Gosselin (5:04.6), junior two-miler Brendan Ahern (10:59.9) and senior shot putter and Capt. Mike Burnett (39'6 1/2").

Completing the sweep of the 1000 were junior Adam Gardner (2:49) and senior Nathan Blais (2:53.3).

Sophomore Tom Lane (11:13.3) and Phil Shaw (12:13.1) were 2-3 in the deuce, and second/third in the shot went to junior Peter An (38'9 3/4") and Marty DeFrancisco (36'4").

Other AHS runners-up included sophomore Mike Donahue (300 dash, personal-best 35.9), Mike Hamilton (600 run, personal-best 1:27.9), junior miler Bobby Filbin (5:37.3) and junior high jumper Alex Champion (5'4").

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AHS ski teams scheduled to begin the season, snow or no snow

By Rick Harrison

The *Townsmen* concludes previews of 1999-2000 Andover High varsity winter sports teams today with girls skiing and boys skiing.

SKIING

Although Mother Nature has not been cooperating, with her unseasonably warm temperatures and snowless days, the Andover High ski season is still scheduled to begin tomorrow when the girls race against Methuen and North Andover at the Bradford Hill Ski Area (3:15 p.m.).

Second-year head coach Tom Busta and assistant Karl Lippmann had 69 candidates trying out for 60 available spots on the two teams.

Returning captains on the girls team are Emma Kremer, Brittney Traynor and Anna Vining, while the AHS boys captains for 2000 are veterans Phil Bancroft, Ted DeInnocentis and Matt Jaracz.

"We're ready!" proclaimed Busta. "We've

had a month of dryland training, which consists of running sprints and rollerblading. We set up courses behind the high school and work on technique, racing tactics and balance. Rollerblades are a great training tool.

"By the time we hit the (man-made) snow we don't have to waste time on things such as how to approach each gate.

"The first girls race will be a very big test right off the bat because North Andover is strong," said Busta. "If we beat North Andover the future looks bright."

Last year the Andover girls finished as North Shore Ski League co-champions with Masconomet Regional of Topsfield, earning a berth in the State Championship Meet where the Lady Warriors placed a highly-respectable sixth at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

They were 11-1 in dual- and tri-meet races and second in the NSSL's annual regular season-ending Interscholastic Race.

"We can do better," said Busta. "We lost

some talented seniors to graduation, foremost being (captain) Monica Everett. That's a big hit."

But Capts. Kremer, Traynor and Vining have looked good in dryland along with other returning seniors Tina Jaffe, Laura Schrader and Dorothy Stowe.

Impact juniors include Libby Driscoll, Courtney Conlon, Ellen Donahue and Erin Zuena, while sophomore standouts are Lisa Tylus, Sherri Conrad and Jessica Moody.

Tylus tied for first among all girl skiers in the league last winter.

Newcomers who have looked strong are juniors Nina Conn, Jeana Ricci and freshmen Sloan McCauley and Jennie Williams.

"If the girls work as hard as they did in dryland, and continue to want to learn, I think they'll surpass our expectations," said Busta.

The Andover boys, 9-5 for fourth place in the NSSL regular season standings last year and third in the Interscholastic Race, took a very big hit as nine of their top 15 varsity

racers graduated.

Tops on that list was Tim Witman who finished last season first in the league, first in the State Meet slalom/giant slalom competition and first in the Eastern Championships.

Witman, along with other captains Mike Macomber and Nick Kline, now race for St. Lawrence University in upstate New York.

New Capts. Bancroft, DeInnocentis and Jaracz are working hard along with returning juniors Ben Davis, Ryan Hayes, Justin Magnun and sophomores Luke Larson, Brady Reed and Justin Roy.

Promising newcomers on the boys side are junior Aaron McNabb and freshmen Steve Gerstein, Ray Bill and Nick Stamas.

"Although we have lost some superb racers and are rebuilding, if this boys team is willing to work hard at practice this rebuilding process might not take very long," said Busta.

The AHS boys open next Monday afternoon against Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick of Peabody at Bradford Hill (3:15).

AHS ROUNDUP

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Completing the scorers with other thirds were junior hurdler Kyle Miller (7.3) and Steve Kohr (50 dash, 6.3).

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The Lady Warriors, whose close margin of victory has been 40 points, placed first in nine of 10 events and swept the hurdles, 300, 600, 1000, mile, high jump and shot put.

Versatile junior Sheena Patel won the hurdles race (7.7) and anchored a victorious 4x400 relay that also included sophomores Liz Sullivan, Natasha Camilo and junior Jen Kane (4:42.3).

Junior Ogechi Ibe led the sweep of the shot with a personal-best 35'8" toss.

Other Andover triumphs were by sophomore speedster Kaitlin Hill (300 dash, personal-best 42.9), senior Capt. Allison Corey (600 run, 1:39.6), sophomore Lindsey Durkin (1000 run, 3:07.9), junior miler Emily Pfeil (5:59.9), sophomore two-miler Laura O'Connell (13:02.7) and senior high jumper and Capt. Alexis Contos (5'0"). Pfeil also placed third in the high jump (4'10") behind Contos and senior Capt. Liz Connors (5'0").

Additional runners-up were junior hurdler Stephanie Pierce (7.8), senior sprinter Lindsay Ravens (50 dash, 6.9) and freshman Laura Dennison (300 dash, 43.0), senior Capt. Caity Murray (600 run, 1:42.5), Jessie DeFrancisco (1000 run, 3:14.9), junior miler Caitlin Woo (6:20.3) and senior shot putter Melissa Langlais (27'11 1/2").

Lauren Woo followed her sister across the line in the mile (6:29.7), and other third places were nailed down by senior hurdler and Capt. Megan Munroe (8.2), freshman Janelle LaRose (300 dash, 43.4), sophomore Jessica Urbelis (600 run, 1:45.4), junior Melissa Yee

(1000 run, 3:16.8), 2-miler Julia Kwolyk (13:57.6) and shot putters Betsy Miller and Missy Rausedo who tied (25'10").

"We had three super performances in the high jump by Contos, Connors and Pfeil," said head coach Art Iworsley.

Auerbach Frosh/Soph Meet

Betsy Miller's seventh place in the Large School Division shot put was the best showing for Andover in the annual Auerbach Freshman/Sophomore Meet held recently at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Jessica Urbelis added a 10th in the girls 600 run (1:57.0), while Steve Kohr was 11th in the boys 55-meter dash (7.15) and Tom Lane 12th in the boys mile (5:05.3).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sophomore forward Shannon Sweeney hit 9-of-12 floor shots and scored as many points as Lawrence, finishing a strong all-around performance with 18 points, 12 rebounds and six steals as the Lady Warriors returned to Merrimack Valley Conference play with a 51-18 romp over the visiting Lancers at the Dunn Gym.

Capt. Lindsey Pearson earned the Christmas Tournament MVP Award, while Jenny Muller was named to the All-Tournament Team and Sweeney was the Coaches Award recipient from Andover.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors host struggling Haverhill (4-3) in an MVC Division 1 game tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym, and next week play at Billerica (1-6) on Tuesday and home versus surprising Lowell (7-1) on Thursday (all 7:30 games).

The MediaOne Tournament is Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15-16, at Tufts University in Medford. Andover battles Somerville in a

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL (7 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Lindsey Pearson	41	8	92
Jenny Muller	30	16	80
Lisa Tisbert	27	13	76
Shannon Sweeney	27	4	58
Michelle Danis	18	3	39
Megan Pinksten	10	2	22
Katie Kramer	5	2	12
Kristen Swoboda	5	1	11
Shawna Foley	3	1	7
Allison James	2	1	5
Karen Whelan	2	0	4
Stephanie Fish	0	3	3
Samantha Hughes	1	0	2

3-pointers: Tisbert 9, Muller 4, Pearson 2.

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL (7 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Tom McLaughlin	76	45	217
Brad Stubenhaus	45	13	105
Kevin Shepard	20	7	48
Dave Cordima	11	9	34
Paul Bellacqua	12	8	32
Pat Murnane	7	5	20
Chris Caverly	3	2	8
Dan Hughes	2	2	6
Geordie Millotis	2	0	4
Mike Byrne	1	0	2
Adam Silevitch	1	0	2

3-pointers: McLaughlin 20, Cordima 3, Stubenhaus 2, Murnane 1, Shepard 1.

semifinal game on Saturday (4 p.m.). Jeremiah Burke and Braintree complete the four-team field.

Scoring Leaders

After seven games Lindsey Pearson leads the point parade with 92, while Jenny Muller has 80, sidelined Lisa Tisbert 76 and Shannon Sweeney 58.

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The Lady Warriors did not shoot well but managed to hold the Lancers to just six points in the second half on the way to the resounding victory.

Lindsey Pearson backed Sweeney with 11 points, five assists, five rebounds and four steals, while Capt. Michelle Danis had eight points and eight boards.

Freshman point-guard Jenny Muller produced four points, seven assists and five steals, sophomore forward Kristen Swoboda four points, eight rebounds and sophomore center Megan Pinksten three points, seven boards.

Allison James had a field goal and Katie Kramer finished with three assists, five steals and a free throw.

Andover led 24-12 at the half.

GR. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Andover 47 North Andover 31

After playing their most sluggish half of the season, and falling behind 19-17, the Lady Warriors got down to business after the break and rolled to their fourth Christmas Tournament championship in five years.

"We warned our kids about being complacent and thinking they could just show up and win," said coach Tildsley. "But the message didn't sink in until the second half."

"The first half was about as bad as we can play. North Andover out-rebounded us and out-hustled us all over the court. We were very slow to react and everyone seemed in a funk."

"I had a few choice words at the

half and we came out and played good defense. They only had eight baskets the entire game," said Tildsley. "But we never got our running game going and that was frustrating."

The bright spot in the first half was sophomore guard Katie Kramer. "She did an excellent job," said Tildsley. "At times it seemed like Katie was covering four of their players at once."

Tournament MVP Lindsey Pearson provided the offensive spark at the start of the second half, giving the champs a lead by hitting three straight jump shots.

Michelle Danis also added four points and controlled the offensive boards early in the final period when AHS took control.

Game MVP Lisa Tisbert finished with 14 points, five assists and four steals, while Pearson contributed 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Jenny Muller had eight points, five assists and four steals.

Danis added seven boards (six offensive), Shannon Sweeney three points, eight rebounds and three assists, Kramer two points and six steals, and other baskets were netted by freshman Samantha Hughes and sophomore six-footer Megan Pinksten.

Colleen Doran was the lone Scarlet Knight in double figures with 11 points.

Salem, N.H. erased a 16-point deficit to edge past Methuen, 57-55, in the third-place consolation pre-lim.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Golden Warriors nailed down third place in the 25th Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament with a 63-49 triumph over North Andover in the consolation final.

Methuen relegated the locals to the loser's bracket with a 57-54 victory in the semifinal round.

Tom McLaughlin, who poured through 88 points in three tourney games, was named to the All-Tournament Team while Andover's Coaches Award went to Brad Stubenhaus.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors play at MVC Division 1 rival Haverhill tomorrow night, and host Small School power Billerica next Tuesday (both 7:30 p.m.).

The Golden Warriors battle Boston Latin in the opening round of the MediaOne Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 15 at Tufts University in Medford (6 p.m.).

South Boston and Haverhill complete the four-team field for the two-day tourney, which wraps up with championship and consolation round games on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Injury report

Andover's sluggish first-half performance in the consolation game against North Andover may be at least partially attributed to the absence of starting point-guard and senior Capt. Paul Bellacqua — who sat out while nursing a back injury.

GR. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT THIRD-PLACE CONSOLATION Andover 63 North Andover 49

Trailing by seven points at the half, 29-22, the Golden Warriors rode the sharpshooting of Tom McLaughlin and Capt. Brad Stubenhaus to the come-from-behind victory.

McLaughlin and Stubenhaus combined for 28 points in the final 16 minutes as the locals applied the defensive clamps and outscored the Scarlet Knights by a wide 41-20 margin.

McLaughlin, in tying Tim Perry's (Andover) tourney career scoring record of 213 points, once again led all scorers with 25 points while Stubenhaus added 17 points.

Kevin Shepard continued his strong play with nine points, Dave Cordima added six, Pat Murnane four and Junior forward Chris Caverly converted a pair of free throws.

Fran Morales and Paul Tanglis netted 12 points each for upset-minded North Andover, while Claz Leitz added 10 points and Kevin Boutilier eight.

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Peter Aumais Memorial Field at Andover High to host inaugural Interscholastic Baseball Showcase

Plans are well underway for what should be an exciting annual baseball event each spring at Andover High.

Four traditional Eastern Mass. high school baseball powers will collide in the inaugural Interscholastic Baseball Showcase on April 15, 2000 at the soon-to-be-dedicated Peter Aumais Memorial Field at Andover High.

In addition to host Andover, competing teams will be Brockton, New Bedford and Chelmsford.

The format will be Big Three teams Brockton and New Bedford versus Merrimack Valley Conference teams Andover and Chelmsford. Two games will be scheduled at both 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Peter Aumais, for whom the AHS varsity baseball field will be named, was an outstanding multi-sport athlete (catcher in baseball) who was killed as a teenager in a tragic automobile accident that happened several hundred yards from his home at the corner of Washington and Elm streets.

The car in which Aumais was a passenger was struck broadside by an impaired driver.

Peter's father, Dick, is a highly-respected longtime Andover police officer who retired several years ago and still lives in town. Another of Aumais' sons, Matt, is a state police officer.

In his youth the elder Aumais was an outstanding baseball player in several area amateur leagues.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

ANDOVER 133.20, BILLERICA 125.50
at Billerica High

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Kristen Elsmore (A) 9.2; 2. Becky Hass (A) 9.05; 3. Jennifer Jones (B) 8.9; 4. Kim Dulong (B) 8.6. **Other AHS Scores:** Sheri Bernstein 8.45; Bahaar Massihzadegan 7.8; Lisa Vallera 7.1

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Elsmore (A) 8.55; 2. Jones (B) 8.4; 3. Hass (A) 8.3; 4. (tie) Krit Kearins (A0 & Dulong (B) 8.2. **Other AHS Scores:** Jackie Barry 7.8; Grace Farnham 7.0; 3. Amy Palmieri 6.6.

VAULT: 1. Dulong (B) 8.5; 2. Kearins (A) 8.4; 3. Renee Fung (A) 8.2; 4. Jones (B) 8.1. **Other AHS Scores:** Kaitlin Doyle 7.8; Meri Rawlinson 7.65; Katie McKain 7.5; Carolyn Purcell 7.0.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Elsmore (A) 8.7; 2. Mike Grealey (B) 8.65; 3. Hass (A) 8.6; 4. Jones (B) 8.55. **Other AHS Scores:** Bernstein 8.3; Massihzadegan 8.1; Maureen Lothrop 7.2; Tristina Carlson 6.9.

All-Around: 1. Jennifer Jones (B) 33.95; 2. Kim Dulong (B) 33.30. **Record:** Andover 1-0.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 74, LAWRENCE 58
Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament
Quarterfinal Round
at No. Andover High Field House

Andover — Tom McLaughlin 12-8-34, Kevin Shepard 4-0-8, Pat Murnane 1-0-2, Dave Cordima 0-0-0, Brad Stubenhaus 7-0-14, Paul Bellacqua 6-4-16. **Totals:** 30-12-74.

Lawrence — Wilkins Victor 3-3-11, Luis Vasquez 3-1-7, Juan Nunez 1-0-2, Roberto Ruiz 3-1-7, Tommy West 2-0-4, Ovalixto Sanchez 2-6-10, Linares Nunez 5-0-10, Darnell West 3-0-7. **Totals:** 22-11-57.

Halftime: Andover, 35-31. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 2; L, Victor 2, DWest 1. **Rebounds:** A, Stubenhaus 9, McLaughlin 7. **Assists:** A, Bellacqua 5. **Steals:** A, Stubenhaus 3.

METHUEN 57, ANDOVER 54
Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament
Semifinal Round
at No. Andover High Field House

Andover — Tom McLaughlin 10-6-29, Kevin Shepard 1-2-4, Paul Bellacqua 0-0-0, Brad Stubenhaus 5-5-15, Pat Murnane 0-0-0, Dave Cordima 3-0-6. **Totals:** 19-13-54.

Methuen — Jeff Nicholson 5-2-12, Elvin Reynoso 4-2-10, Al Ruiz 3-2-8, Chris O'Rourke 3-0-7, Edinson Corporan 1-0-2, Keith Gormley 4-0-8, Jay Avant 3-3-10. **Totals:** 23-9-57.

Halftime: Andover, 24-23. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 3; M, O'Rourke 1, Avant 1.

ANDOVER 63, NORTH ANDOVER 49
Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament
Third-Place Consolation
at No. Andover High Field House

Andover — Tom McLaughlin 9-3-25, Chris Caverly 0-2-2, Kevin Shepard 4-1-9, Pat Murnane 2-0-4, Dave Cordima 2-2-6, Brad Stubenhaus 8-0-17. **Totals:** 25-8-63.

North Andover — Will Uttley 1-1-3, Chaz Lietz 4-0-10, Paul Tanglis 5-1-12, Pat Holland 2-0-4, Kevin Boutilier 4-0-8, Fran Morales 5-1-12. **Totals:** 21-3-49.

Halftime: North Andover, 29-22. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 4, Stubenhaus 1; NA, Lietz 2, Morales 1, Tanglis 1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 51, LAWRENCE 18
at Dunn Gym

Lawrence — Alicea 0-0-0, Peralta 1-0-2, Johnson 3-0-6, Rivera 4-0-8, Urena 1-0-2. **Totals:** 9-0-18.

Andover — Katie Kramer 0-1-1, Jenny Muller 2-0-4, Lindsey Pearson 5-1-11, Samantha Hughes 0-0-0, Kristen Swoboda 2-0-4, Stephanie Fish 0-0-0, Karen Whelan 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 9-0-18, Michelle Danis 4-0-8, Allison James 1-0-2, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 1-1-3. **Totals:** 24-3-51.

Halftime: Andover, 24-12. **3-pointers:** None. **Rebounds:** A, Sweeney 12, Danis 8, Swoboda 8, Pinksten 7, Pearson 5. **Assists:** A, Muller 7, Pearson 5, Kramer 3. **Steals:** A, Sweeney 6, Muller 5, Kramer 5, Pearson 4. **Record:** Andover 7-0.

ANDOVER 47, NORTH ANDOVER 31
Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament
Championship Game
at No. Andover High Field House

Andover — Lisa Tisbert 6-1-14, Katie Kramer 1-0-2, Jenny Muller 3-2-8, Lindsey Pearson 6-0-12, Samantha Hughes 1-0-2, Kristen Swoboda 0-0-0, Stephanie Fish 0-0-0, Karen Whelan 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 1-1-3, Michelle Danis 2-0-4, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Allison James 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 1-0-2. **Totals:** 21-4-47.

North Andover — Sheehan 0-3-3, Georgeolis 1-1-3, Adams 1-2-4, Meuse 1-3-5, Doran 3-4-11, Breen 1-1-3, Uttley 1-0-2. **Totals:** 8-14-31.

Halftime: North Andover, 19-17. **3-pointers:** A, Tisbert 1; NA, Doran 1. **Rebounds:** A, Pearson 8, Sweeney 8, Danis 7, Swoboda 4. **Assists:** A, Tisbert 5, Muller 5, Pearson 4, Sweeney 3. **Steals:** A, Kramer 6, Muller 4, Tisbert 4, Pearson 2. **Game MVP:** Lisa Tisbert. **Tournament MVP:** Lindsey Pearson. **All-Tournament Team:** Jenny Muller. **Coaches Award:** Shannon Sweeney.

ANDOVER 58, SALEM, N.H. 47
Gr. Lawrence Christmas Tournament
Semifinal Round
at No. Andover High Field House

Andover — Lisa Tisbert 3-2-10, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 3-10-17, Lindsey Pearson 6-3-15, Samantha Hughes 0-0-0, Kristen Swoboda 0-0-0, Stephanie Fish 0-1-1, Karen Whelan 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 4-0-8, Michelle Danis 3-0-6, Allison James 0-0-0, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 0-1-1. **Totals:** 19-17-58.

Salem, N.H. — Beckway 0-4-4, Urquhart 2-1-6, Becky Valenti 6-8-20, Ahern 0-2-2, Constant 1-1-3, Prugnarola 1-4-6, Pendleton 1-4-6. **Totals:** 11-24-47.

Halftime: Andover, 34-23. **3-pointers:** A, Tisbert 2, Muller 1; S, Urquhart 1. **Rebounds:** A, Sweeney 10, Pearson 8. **Assists:** A, Pearson 5, Muller 5, Tisbert 3. **Steals:** A, Tisbert 4, Muller 2, Pearson 2.

Andover Game MVP: Lindsey Pearson.

HOCKEY

TEWKSBURY 7, ANDOVER 1
at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. T, Dan Fratalia (unassisted), 8:20; 2. T, Anthony Labo (unassisted), 8:46; 3. A, Peter Burbank 1 (Jon Ofria, Mike Corey), 11:02.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. T, Bob Fitzmaurice (unassisted), 2:03; 5. T, Anthony Cella (Labo, Scott Favreau), 6:49; 6. T, Fitzmaurice (Kevin Gilfilian), 9:45.

THIRD PERIOD: 7. T, Favreau (Steve Davos, Labo), 9:20 (pp); 8. T, Kevin Monahan (Adam Hill, Cella), 9:57.

Tewksbury	2	3	2	—	7
Andover	1	0	0	—	1

Shots by period: Tewksbury 10-8-13-31; Andover 4-7-3-14.

Goalies: T, John Sheehan (14 shots, 13 saves); A, Chris Salini (29 shots, 22 saves), Brendan Gatlin (2 shots, 2 saves). **Penalties:** Tewksbury 4, Andover 3.

ANDOVER 5, LINCOLN-SADBURY 1
at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Peter Burbank 2 (Jon Ofria, Mike Corey), 6:01.

SECOND PERIOD: 2. LS, Jay Feinberg (Kewith McGilvray, Mike Dolan), 5:46 (pp); 3. A, John Ronan 1 (Tim LeGrow, Andy Ryan), 7:14; 4. A, Steve Johnson 1 (LeGrow, Lars Keil), 9:35; 5. A, Ryan 1 (Brad Dunn, Ronan), 13:50.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. A, Chris Cataldo 1 (Jeff Vallera, Johnson), 13:17.

Lincoln-Sudbury	0	1	0	—	1
Andover	1	3	1	—	5

Shots by period: Andover 10-10-10-30; Lincoln-Sudbury 2-4-5-11. **Goalies:** A, Chris Salini (11 shots, 10 saves); LS, Tim Pendergast (30 shots, 25 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 9, Lincoln-Sudbury 7.

ANDOVER 4, NASHUA, N.H. 1
Lowell Christmas Festival
at Tsongas Arena, Lowell

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Jon Ofria 1 (Andy Ryan), 2:05.

SECOND PERIOD: 2. N, Jared Rose (Cam Ruhl, Ben Charron), 3:28 (pp); 3. A, Brad Dunn 1 (Dennis Moran, Brendan Gleason), 11:52; 4. A, Dunn 2 (Ryan, Moran), 14:27.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. A, Tim LeGrow 1 (Gleason), 3:49.

Andover	1	2	1	—	4
Nashua	0	1	0	—	1

Shots by period: Andover 6-9-9-24; Nashua 1-7-8-16. **Goalies:** A, Chris Salini (44:50, 16 shots, 15 saves); Brendan Gatlin (10 seconds, 0 shots); N, Rick DeFelice (42:30, 22 shots, 18 saves); Chris Toomey (2:30, 2 shots, 2 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 2, Nashua 1.

BEVERLY 5, ANDOVER 3
Lowell Christmas Festival
at Tsongas Arena, Lowell

FIRST PERIOD: 1. B, Jeff Drinkwater (Corey Harrington, Justin Galui), 6:39; 2. B, Lou Gentile (Brad Rubin, Jamie Lampert), 6:58 (5-on-3 pp); 3. A, John Stearns 1 (Brendan Gleason), 9:24; 4. A, Jon Ofria 2 (Peter Burbank), 10:43; 5. B, Harrington (Galui, Josh Karp), 12:15 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. B, Karp (Harrington, Lampert), 4:01 (pp); 7. B, Karp (Galui, Drinkwater), 8:03; 8. A, Matt Busby 1 (Steve Johnson, John Ronan), 10:38.

Andover	2	0	1	—	3
Beverly	3	0	2	—	5

Shots by period: Andover 6-8-9-23; Beverly 16-9-5-30. **Goalies:** A, Chris Salini (44:53, 30 shots, 25 saves); Brendan Gatlin (7 seconds, 0 shots); B, Travis Tobin (23 shots, 20 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 6, Beverly 2. **Records:** Beverly 4-1-1, Andover 2-3.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

ANDOVER 77, DRACUT 9
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Sheena Patel (A) 7.7; 2. Stephanie Pierce (A) 7.8; 3. Megan Munroe (A) 8.2.

50 DASH: 1. Justine Roy (D) 6.9; 2. Lindsay Ravens (A) 6.9; 3. Becky DiCarlo (D) 6.9.

300: 1. Kaitlin Hill (A) 42.9; 2. Laura Dennison (A) 43.0; 3. Janelle LaRose (A) 43.4.

600: 1. Allison Corey (A) 1:39.6; 2. Caity Murray (A) 1:42.5; 3. Jessica Urbelis (A) 1:45.4.

1000: 1. Lindsey Durkin (A) 3:07.9; 2. Jessie DeFrancisco (A) 3:14.9; 3. Melissa Yee (A) 3:16.8.

MILE: 1. Emily Pfeil (A) 5:59.9; 2. Caitlin Woo (A) 6:20.3; 3. Lauren Woo (A) 6:29.7.

2-MILE: 1. Laura O'Connell (A) 13:02.7; 2. Rebecca Ducharme (D) no time; 3. Julia Kwolyk (A) 13:57.6.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Alexis Contos (A) 5'0"; 2. Liz Conners (A) 5'0"; 3. Pfeil (A) 4'10".

SHOT PUT: 1. Ogechi Ibe (A) 35'8"; 2. Melissa Langlais (A) 27'11 1/2"; 3. (tie) Missy Rauseo (A) & Betsy Miller (A) 25'10".

4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Liz Sullivan, Jen Kane, Natasha Camilo & Patel), 4:42.3.

Records: Andover 3-0, Dracut 0-3.

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

ANDOVER 71, DRACUT 15
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Charles Murnane (A) 6.6; 2. Peter Grassis (D) 7.2; 3. Kyle Miller (A) 7.3.

50 DASH: 1. Mike Giles (A) 5.9; 2. Derek Masse (D) 6.1; 3. Steve Kohr (A) 6.3.

300: 1. Chad Mongeau (A) 35.9; 2. Mike Donahue (A) 35.9; 3. Jeff Cunningham (D) 36.7.

600: 1. Terrance Fitzsimmons (A) 1:22.9; 2. Mike Hamilton (A) 1:27.9; 3. Chris Peters (D), no time.

1000: 1. Greg Stamm (A) 2:36.1; 2. Adam Gardner (A) 2:49.0; 3. Nathan Blais (A) 2:53.3.

MILE: 1. Brian Gosselin (A) 5:04.6; 2. Bobby Filbin (A) 5:37.3; 3. Don Lake (D) 5:47.0.

2-MILE: 1. Brendan Ahern (A) 10:59.9; 2. Tom Lane (A) 11:13.3; 3. Phil Shaw (A) 12:13.1.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Murnane (A) 6'0"; 2. Alex Champion (A) 5'4"; 3. Grassis (D) 5'2".

SHOT PUT: 1. Mike Burnett (A) 39'6 1/2"; 2. Peter An (A) 38'9 3/4"; 3. Marty DeFrancisco (A) 36'4".

4x400 RELAY: 1. Dracut, 3:59.0

Records: Andover 1-2, Dracut 0-3.

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North Andover countered with a 12-8 burst to take a one-point

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SEMIFINAL
Methuen 57
Andover 54

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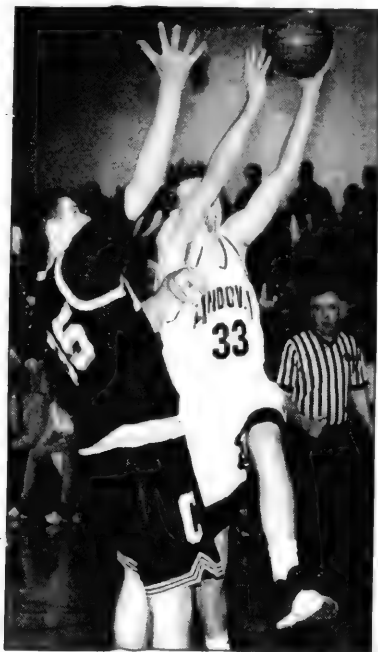
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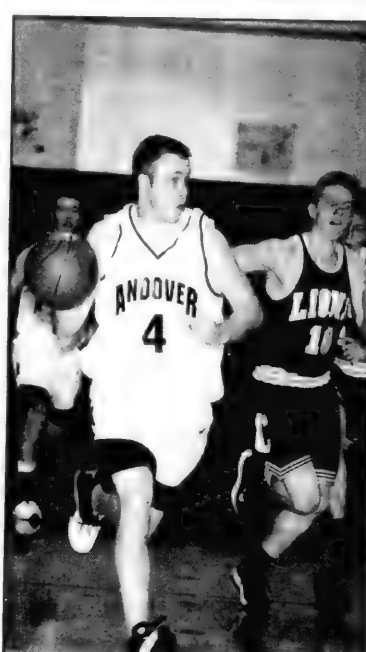
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Kevin Shepard (33)
junior,
starting guard



Paul Bellacqua (22)
senior,
starting guard/captain



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starting forward



Tom McLaughlin (3)
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Brad Dunn	2	1	3
Steve Johnson	1	2	3
Tim LeGrow	1	2	3
John Ronan	1	2	3
Brendan Gleason	0	3	3
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AHS took third in all three relays with the 200 medley quartet of junior Calvin Leung, Brazilian Thiago Santos, junior Rick Umlah and junior James Paull (2:25.03), the 200 free team of sophomore Rob Lakow, Paull, Santos and Lee (2:04.22) and the 400 free foursome of Paull, Avila, Lee and Callahan (4:42.44).

"Everyone gave 100 percent and we scored points at all the key times when we needed them," said coach Taffe. "It was also the first meet with everyone healthy and available to swim."

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SPORTSTALK

By Rick Harrison

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Susie Tully of Andover is a junior center on the 1999-2000 Stonehill College women's basketball team.

The 6'2" pivot standout has played 61 games (starting 32) over the past two seasons for the Lady Chieftains of the Northeast-10 Conference, scoring 395 points, pulling down 229 rebounds, blocking 44 shots and handing

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out 26 assists.

Last year Tully averaged 8.8 points and 4.7 rebounds as Stonehill went 19-11 overall



Susie
Tully

(11-7 conference) and qualified for the NCAA Division 2 Tournament where it edged Binghamton (65-64) before being ousted in the

second round by Saint Rose (60-37).

Stonehill finished with a flourish by winning eight of its last 11.

Tully hit double figures in 12 games last season and netted a career-high 20 points in an 81-66 conference victory over Bryant College.

She was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Lynn Doubletree Shootout after

averaging 11.5 points in victories over Adelphi and host Lynn.

Biology major Tully was a two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star and team captain in basketball at Andover High.

Matt Gibson of Andover recently became the 26th player in Merrimack College basketball history to score 1,000 points.

Gibson was presented with a game ball prior to the Northeast-10 Conference home contest against Stonehill, and responded with 13 points and nine rebounds in 31 minutes as the Warriors registered a 79-62 victory over the Chieftains.

Andy Wood of Andover played a key role for the 1999 men's soccer team at Gordon College in Wenham.

Wood's efforts helped the Fighting Scots to a 10-1 record in the Commonwealth Coast Conference and a 14-7 overall mark.

Gordon barely missed out on an NCAA Tournament berth, but did qualify for the ECAC tourney (losing in first

round).

Wood, a sophomore forward/midfielder, finished the season with three goals and three assists as the team's third highest scorer.

Shannon Callahan-Higgins of Andover, a freshman at Regis College in Weston, made an auspicious debut for the women's indoor track team at the Cardinal Relays.

Callahan-Higgins clocked the second fastest time in school history in the 55-meter hurdles (10.06), ran the second leg for the school record-breaking distance medley relay team (14:18.78), and the lead leg for the 4x200 relay that also ran the second fastest time in school history (2:04.38).

Andover residents **Kerry Nugent, Jess Ostrowski and Courtney Sullivan**, all three members of the Brooks School girls varsity soccer team this past fall, have been named to the All-Independent School League (ISL) Team.

Nugent, a junior, received first-team honors while senior team captains Ostrowski and Sullivan were selected for the second team.

Brooks, 8-3-1 during the regular ISL season, finished 12-4-1 overall and reached the championship game of the New England Prep School Class B Tournament.

Brooks received a first-

round tourney bye, defeated Rye (N.Y.) Country Day and Governor Dummer Academy of Byfield in tourney games before bowing to Cushing Academy of Ashburnham, 3-2, in the title game.

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ON CAMPUS

Catherine A. Zappala of 14 Pinecrest Road received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the College of Business Administration at Northeastern University during Sept. 16 commencement exercises held at Matthews Arena.

Jed Wartman, son of Michael and Sue Wartman of Andover, has been accepted for a semester of study at the Universidad de Barcelona in Spain with Brethren Colleges Abroad. Wartman is a student at Bowdoin College. Only students maintaining high academic standards are eligible for BCA study abroad.

Christopher Sheldon, son of David and Diane Sheldon of 65 Cross St., graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University with dual majors in economics and policy studies. The 1996 Andover High School graduate was elected into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society in May. He is also a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society in Economics, Pi Sigma Honor Society in Policy Studies, and Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Studies.

Sheldon spent his 1998 semester in England where he completed internships for the English Immigration Advisory Service and the European Forum of HIV/AIDS, Children and Families. He was a diver for the university varsity swimming and diving team. Sheldon completed his degree requirements in three years and was consistently named to the dean's list and athletic director's honor roll.

He lives in Manhattan and is employed by WORLDSCO LLC, a Wall Street equities trading firm.

Kiran Veena Raman, daughter of Ananth and Shobha Raman of Andover, traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland.

The third-year student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland has chosen to study her junior year abroad at the University of Edinburgh.

The Andover High graduate has been on the dean's high honor list every semester. A National Merit Scholar, she was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society in November.

Raman will return in June for her senior year and plans to complete her double major in biology and medical anthropology.

Lindsey Rachel Hellmann of 10 Stafford Lane, a freshman at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., strapped on a backpack and confronted the challenges of an intensive outdoor program - Conn's Outdoor Orientation Program (COOP) - before classes began for the fall semester. Hellmann is a 1999 graduate of Phillips Academy.

The COOP program challenges freshmen physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. The students participate in still- and white-water canoeing, technical rock climbing, high and low rope course elements, backpacking and caving.

Jessica Ellis, daughter of Stephen and Joan Ellis of Willard Circle, has enrolled at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., as a member of the class of 2003. She is a 1999 graduate of Phillips Academy.

Daniel Chen, son of Frank and Jennifer Chen of Andover, is enrolling at Harvard College as a member of the class of 2003. The 1999 graduate of Phillips Academy was co-concertmaster of the Phillips Academy Orchestra and a peer tutor. He graduated with awards and distinctions in math, music, German, Latin and chemistry.

Colleen E. Boylan of Andover, a first-year student at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, is spending the fall semester of the 1999-2000 academic year enrolled in the Colby in Salamanca program. The Phillips Academy graduate is the daughter of Dean and Victoria Boylan.

Colby in Salamanca is an intensive Spanish language program in Salamanca, Spain. Students take Spanish, literature, history and art

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover from June 1-Aug. 26.

1 Frank Osborn and Suzanne Korschun bought 355 River Road for \$295,000, from Stern Co. Inc. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates Inc.

2 Anil Navkal and Naomi Navkal bought 14 Rock O'Dundee Road for \$324,900, from Francis W. and Jean M. Robinson. The mortgage is with Digital Federal Credit Union.

3 Wayne F. and Julie A. Lacroix bought 5 Radcliff Drive for \$153,000, from Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Corp.

4 Richard J. and Patricia M. Joselyn bought 21 Harding St. for \$75,000. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

5 Allen T. and Anne M. Ravizza bought 7 Wescott Road for \$660,000, from Stephen A. and Susan W. Reber. The mortgage is with PNC mortgage Corp. of America.

6 Cardidad Hernandez bought 10 Washington Park Drive for \$102,000, from Barbara A. Crowley. The mortgage is with Option One Mortgage Corp.

7 Zhiyong Zhao bought 17 Woodhaven Drive for \$366,000, from Mary M. and Francis W. Plankey Jr. The mortgages are with Stepstone Mortgage Co. Inc.

8 Steven R. and Ellen V. Jenkins bought 7 Golden Oaks Lane for \$339,900, from Panagiotis G. and Maria Loukatos. The mortgages are with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

9 Patrick A. and Janet M. Eastwood bought 5 Acropolis Circle for 465,000, from Katherine R. and Christopher A. Zigmont. The mortgage is with Chase Manhattan Bank USA N.A.

10 Ellen Santagati bought 22 Railroad Road for \$134,000, from J. Ashton and Elizabeth Nickerson. The mortgage is with Stoneham Cooperative Bank.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 63 Maple Ave., was recently sold for \$240,000.

11 Michael S. and Dianne Fields-Busby bought 63 Maple Avenue for \$240,000, from Mary A. Connolly and Virginia A. Busby. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

12 Roman and Stella Chistyakov bought 8 Greenwood Road for \$270,000, from Fabrizio T. and Karen T. Rinaldi. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

13 Thomas G. and Cecily Colby bought 5 Gray Road for \$599,999, from Richard J. Rubino. The mortgage is with Stepstone Mortgage Co. Inc.

14 Ralph J. Constantino bought 9 Fairway Drive for \$1,030,000, from Susan A. Klein. The mortgage is with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

15 Douglas J. and Isabelle R. Draper bought 41 Farrwood Drive for \$432,000, from David Cooper and Karin A. Rees. The mortgage is with Digital Federal Credit Union.

16 Kevin J. Grasso bought 43 Bannister Road for \$115,000, from Gholam and Susan Fetanat. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp. of America.

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17 Robert R. and Lucinda S. Thomas bought 99 Lowell St. for \$274,900, from Paul and Pamela R. Keefe. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

18 Paul D. and Pamela R. Keefe bought 361 High Plain Road for \$389,900, from James F. and Barbara A. Trombly. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

19 Charles Henry and Mary Ann Girardi bought 4 Henderson Ave. for \$235,900, from Christopher P. and Carol Ann Bodge. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates Inc.

20 Derek S. Donahue and Bettyanna G. Lograsso bought 23 Stinson Road for \$245,000, from Gary A. and Susan Friedman. The mortgages are with Beacon Mortgage Co LLC and Beacon Mortgage Co Co in MA.

21 Mark S. Peters bought 40 Colonial Drive for 106,500, from Jeds Realty Trust, Susan A. Klein TR. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence Branch.

ON CAMPUS

history course at the University of Salamanca, the second oldest university in Europe. Boylan will continue her studies as a member of the class of 2003 on Colby's campus in Maine in January.

Three Andover residents were among 773 men and women who began classes as first-year students at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., this fall. They are **Roger E. Cohen**, son of Joan Cohen and Sheldon Cohen of 27 Vine St., a graduate of Andover High School; **Ethan C. Jacobs**, son of Norman Jacobs and Irene Jacobs of 2 Pond View Place, a graduate of Phillips Academy; and **Catherine M. Kannam**, daughter of Dr. Peter Kannam and Marie Kannam of 6 Yardley Road, a graduate of Phillips Academy.

Four Andover residents are among the 545 students this fall in the class of 2003 at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

They are **Ellen Casper** of 232 Andover St., **Melissa Cistoldi** of 21 Knollcrest Drive, **Weston Lowrie** of 26 Cutler Road and **Michael Macomber** of 36 Kirkland Drive.

The **Rev. Mike Ebner**, chaplain at Phillips Academy and director of youth and family ministry at South Church, and 55 youth from **South Church and Phillips Academy** and adults spent two weeks during the summer as volunteers with the Center for Creative Non-Violence. The youth worked with more than 16 agencies and organizations in Washington, D.C., to provide services to the homeless and then moved on to John's Island, S.C., to work on home repair for residents.

Randy S. Romano, son of Deborah Romano and grandson

of Thomas and Shirley Romano of Andover, was named to the dean's list at Boston College for the spring semester.

The 1997 graduate of Andover High School achieved a 4.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0 for the semester.

Kevin C. Costello of 19 Stratford Road and **Jacqueline Wong** of 5 Andover Country Club, have been named to the dean's list at Northeastern University for the summer quarter.

They are both enrolled in the College of Business Administration.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery on Wednesday, January 12th, 2000 to discuss Proposed Revision to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. The Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, at the Andover Town offices at 36 Bartlett Street.

Reginald S. Stapczynski
Town Manager
December 30, 1999 &
January 6, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 99C 0274-CA1
NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **NICOLLE ALEXIS FARDY** of Andover, Essex County, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

**NICOLLE ALEXIS FARDY
TO
NICOLLE ALEXIS FARDY
DELLICOLLI**

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirty-first day of January, 2000.

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
January 6, 2000

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P3007-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF JOHN V. TANNER

To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN V. TANNER late of the County of Essex Date of Death, November 18, 1998

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by **MARY F. TANNER** of Andover in the County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 31, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 27, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
January 6, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P2992-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF FERNANDE G. DUCHESNE, otherwise known as FERNANDE DUCHESNE.

To all persons interested in the estate of FERNANDE G. DUCHESNE, otherwise known as FERNANDE DUCHESNE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, December 5, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by **LINDA DUCHESNE SCHERIG** of Andover in the

County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 31, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 27, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
January 6, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P2951-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF DOMENIC R. PROCOPIO.

To all persons interested in the estate of DOMENIC R. PROCOPIO late of the County of Essex Date of Death, May 10, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by **GIULIANO H. PROCOPIO** of Andover and **VITTORIO P. PROCOPIO** of Lawrence, both in the County of Essex praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving sureties on their bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 24, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 21, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
January 6, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the application of the Andover School of Montessori for a modification of a Site Plan Special Permit (SP96-09) issued by the Planning Board on March 8, 1996, said modification to allow an increase in the maximum allowed occupancy of the school from 150 persons to 170 persons (students and staff), and to allow for the placement of a 912 square foot modular classroom adjacent to the main school structure. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
January 6 & 13, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the application of 500 Minuteman Limited Partnership for a modification of a Site Plan Special Permit (SP97-17) to allow for the construction of two (2) hotels on one of the subdivision lots in Minuteman Park; said hotels to be in place of a 150,000 square foot office building previously approved on said lot; the proposed hotels to be a 85,648 square foot three story Marriott Residence Inn with 120 rooms and 132 parking spaces, and a 74,765 square foot four story Marriott Spring Hills Suites with 134 rooms and 147 parking spaces, all situated at 500 Minuteman Road (off River Road), and more specifically identified as Lot 4, on Assessor's Map 165. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
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January 6 & 13, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 9:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, for a proposed amendment to the

Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land which would prohibit more than one residential structure on a lot or parcel of land in the town without the consent of the Planning Board. The full text of the amendment may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
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Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
January 6 & 13, 2000

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dana P. Bissett and Stephen T. Bissett to First Essex Bank, FSB, dated August 8, 1997 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4816, Page 17, of which mortgage Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 31, 2000, on the mortgaged premises located at 131 Chandler Road Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of Chandler Road in said Andover, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 1 on "Plan of property owned by Roscoe M. Johnson, West Andover, Mass., September 24, 1958", said plan being recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan #3755, said premises being more particularly bounded and described follows:

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Southeasterly	three hundred ten feet by Lot #2 as shown on said plan.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4816, Page 15.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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Present holder of said mortgage

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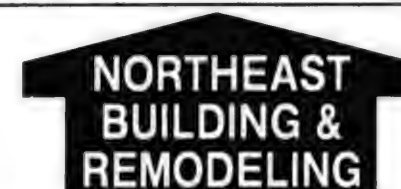
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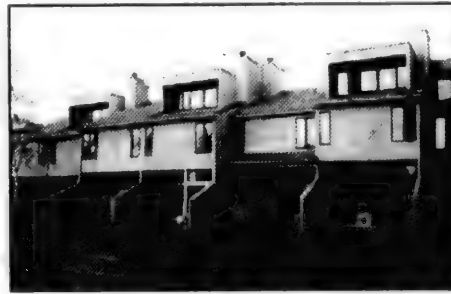
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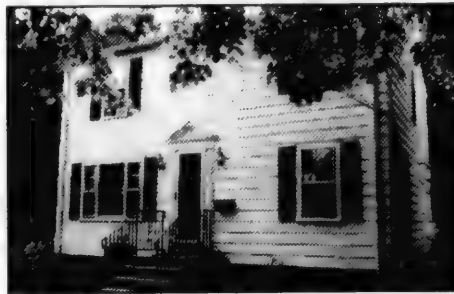
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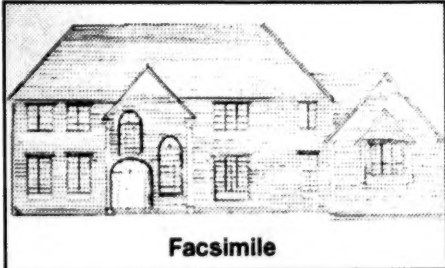


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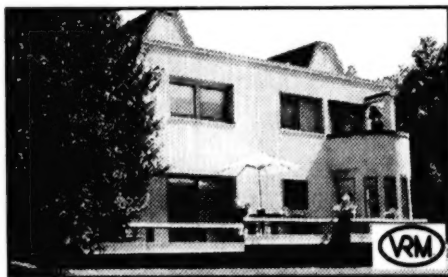
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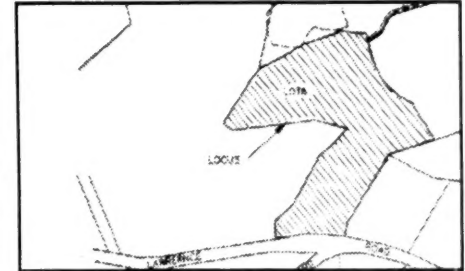
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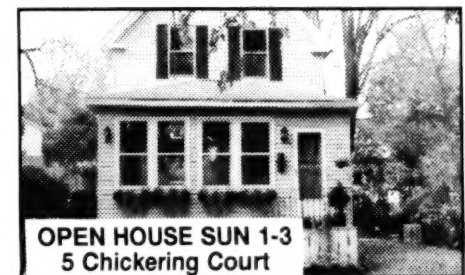


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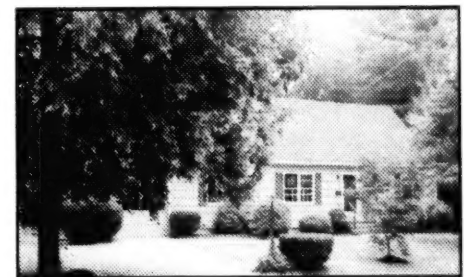
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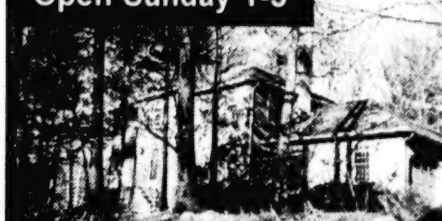
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